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Bonds appoints Shoham

TORONTO —

Dr. Gilbert L. Shoham has been appointed executive director of the Toronto office of State of Israel Bonds, effective Jan. 1, it was announced by George A. Cohon, national campaign chairman of State of Israel Bonds.

Dr. Shoham, 44, has an extensive career in Jewish communal and educational life, having made particular contributions to the capital and programmatic growth of Jewish religious and educational institutions.

He has served pulpits in Montreal, Los Angeles and Kansas City, and founded, developed and directed the First Hebrew Day School in the San Fernando Valley, the Emek Hebrew Academy, from 1960-1971.

In addition to his many involvements in the community, he served as president of the Rabbinical Council of Southern California for three terms from 1967 to 1970. In June of 1975, Dr. Shoham was a resource participant in the first Intercultural Seminar on Christian-Moslem-Jewish Relations under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Christians and Jews which took place in Israel.

He received his undergraduate training, as well as his rabbinic ordination, from Yeshiva University in New York City. He earned an MA degree from McGill University and his Ph.D. from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, writing his dissertation on the semantic theory of John Locke, the noted, late 17th century English philosopher.

Dr. Shoham is married to Dorothy, nee Cohen, a native of Montreal. They have two children: Steve, 19, a graduate student at the University of Missouri of Kansas City, and Cynthia, 10, who is currently attending the Hebrew Academy of Kansas City.

He will be replacing James Senor, who is leaving to assume the national directorship of the Canadian Friends of Weizmann Institute, with headquarters in Toronto.

Dr. Gilbert Shoham

'We're not tapping near our potential'

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO —

Despite the fact that the Toronto Jewish community will raise close to $50 million this year for local, national and international causes, one of the leading professionals here believes "we are not tapping anywhere near our potential."

James Senor, the personable and highly-regarded head of Israel Bonds, made that comment in an interview last week looking back at his 4½ years with Toronto Bonds. He will become national executive director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute in the new year.

The amount of money raised "in such an affluent community is simply not enough," stated Senor. He pointed out that about half the community contributed nothing, and many of the affluent did not give what they really could. Israel's needs since the Yom Kippur War have greatly increased, he emphasized.

Questioned about the multiplicity of fund-raising drives in the community, the 54-year-old native of Cleveland admitted there may have to be more guidelines and discipline in campaigning.

"The disadvantages of the present system are competition for the time of lay leaders and duplication of expenses," he said. Nevertheless, he strongly argued there is room for all.

Commenting on the apparent overlap of the Bonds and the UJA campaigns, he pointed out the UJA is doing their major canvassing long after his organization had done the brunt of its work.

Some people feel competition between Bonds and UJA does exist, he says, "and it is unfortunate, damaging and unnecessary."

He continued: "People must realize one is not a substitute for the other. Bonds and UJA dollars do different things.

Senor emphasized, however, that in the vast majority of situations, a good Bonds purchaser is a good UJA donor, and vice-versa.

He is leaving his Bonds post with much regret, but is looking forward to the "exciting opportunity" the Weizmann Institute position poses. Senor will be responsible for building a national organization to maximize fund-raising and to look after the professorial exchange program with Canadian universities.

Dr. Steven Barber, senior vice-president of the Canadian Society, will have special responsibilities for programing planning and the relationship with the institute in Rehovot and its overseas committees.

National President James F. Kay said "we are very pleased to obtain a man of Senor's talents and capabilities, particularly his fund-raising and administrative abilities."

A former professor, involved in Jewish causes for more than 30 years, Senor is well known for his low-key approach. Explaining it was probably an extension of his personality, he added he was comfortable with that style. His motto, he continued, was that of a British civil servant: "A professional should be always on tap, never on top."

A fourth generation American, he was educated in his native city and at the University of Pittsburgh. He became involved in Jewish community work while attending a Jewish camp during his time at law school. Eventually, he gave up law and went into social work.

He has spent most of his life in Jewish communal work including two years in the '50s in Montreal as assistant executive director of what today is the Allied Jewish Community Services. He has also been a professor of administration and community organization at the Syracuse University graduate school of social work and the human resources administrator of the city of Utica, N.Y.

Two of his most interesting years of Jewish communal work were spent in Iran for the Joint Distribution Committee. His job was to try and get the community there to be more self-sufficient.

He took the Toronto Bonds job without ever having been here. He thinks "Toronto is the greatest community in the Diaspora because of its commitment to Jewish education, its day school system, the richness of Jewish life, the excellence of its professional service and the dedication of substantial numbers of people in Jewish life."

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A PROUD FATHER

Sam Kay of Winnipeg looks over Negev Dinner plaque awarded his son Jimmy last week at the gala Jewish National Fund affair. See other pictures on Page 3. (Gadi Hoz photo)

Moynihan warns of Israel expulsion

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
Associate Editor

TORONTO —

New York Senator-elect Daniel Patrick Moynihan has warned there may be an attempt in the United Nations to repeal the 1947 resolution which brought the state of Israel into legal existence.

He told 1,700 persons at the annual Negev Dinner last week that such a move has gained momentum among UN members. The former U.S. ambassador to the world body disclosed this after saying that moves to expel Israel from the UN are expected in the new year.

The record crowd, donating over a million dollars to the Jewish National Fund, came to honor Moynihan, businessman and community leader James F. (Jimmy) Kay, and the 75th anniversary of the JNF. Nobody went home from the Royal York Hotel disappointed as the Harvard professor performed his oratorical magic for 35 minutes. His message, however, was not a very optimistic one.

The lanky former advisor to three U.S. presidents said Israel is losing ground in the ideological war being carried on by her enemies.

"We are dealing with one of the most monstrous perversions of truth in the modern age," he declared. "The Jews are to be depicted as successors to the Nazis, not victims."

Anti-Semitism, he continued, is "the LSD of the Arabs" and he accused the Soviet Union of being at the forefront of the worldwide anti-Semitic campaign. Moynihan cited a number of recent incidents to back up his assertion.

The New Yorker, making his first public appearance in Canada since he became a household word as UN ambassador, said that even in his own country, Israel was losing ground in the ideological war. He pointed out that in foreign policy circles and among intellectuals, many take the view that the main obstacle to Mideast peace is the intransigence of Israel.

"We have to expose the perversions of language," he continued. "Friends of Israel will have to renew their efforts to present their point of view and expose Arab lies." The reason for the turmoil in the Mideast for 28 years is the Arabs' refusal to make peace, emphasized Moynihan.

He denounced calls for "even-handedness" in U.S. foreign policy towards Israel as "really one-sided pressure", and called on the tragically dwindling number of democracies to stand up to the ideological offensive.

His left forefinger stabbing high into the air and his voice booming, Moynihan told his audience Israel's enemies cannot abide her democracy. "Israel must not only endure, but prevail," he concluded to a 20-second standing ovation.

In introducing Moynihan, another skilled orator, Rabbi Gunther Plaut, last year's Negev Dinner honoree, said "he had become a household word amongst all freedom-loving people of the world." And he expressed the love and admiration of the Toronto Jewish community for him.

In paying tribute to Moynihan, a forest of 10,000 trees was planted in honor of "this giant of courage" by the Toronto JNF in Canada Park, a 7,500-acre recreational area situated between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

The overflow crowd also gave a standing ovation to Negev Dinner honoree Kay who is both national president of the JNF and the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute. He has been a resident of Toronto for only 13 years, yet in that time has become one of the most active leaders in these organizations as well as in the United Jewish Appeal, Baycrest and Mount Sinai Hospital.

It was the first time an active officer of the JNF has been so honored. His wife, Elaine, sat beside him on the dais while their four children and their parents looked on.

Among the guests at the dinner was John Roberts, a federal cabinet minister from Toronto.

Other speakers were dinner chairman Jack Gwartz, co-chairmen William Eisenberg and Edward Levy and Toronto JNF Chairman David Dennis who called the event "the proudest moment of JNF history in Toronto". He introduced the premiere of an audio-visual presentation on the JNF put together by Alex and Lila Mogelon of Montreal and narrated by Lorne Greene.

The 1976 Bernard Bloomfield medal given to a JNF worker went to Jacob Adler. Others cited for meritorious service at the dinner were Jack Gwartz, Nathan O. Hurwich, Sidney Bearg, Max Handelman, Arnold and Leona Finkler and Sigmund Reiser.

Israel Bonds executives gathered recently to pay tribute to James Senor, who is leaving his post as Toronto Bonds director to become national executive-director of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute. Making presentation of this painting is Ruhama Goldstein, chairman of Toronto Bonds' women's division. (Leo Hausman photo)

'No action yet by government on the boycott'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OTTAWA —

Herb Gray says the federal government has not implemented the anti-boycott measures External Affairs Minister Don Jamieson announced a few months ago. The result of this inaction, he charged, is that the government is continuing to provide the full range of its support and services to companies complying with the Arab boycott.

A fierce opponent of trade discrimination, the Liberal MP told an audience at the Jewish Community Centre here that enforceable legislation is needed in Canada. He said Ottawa's "delay and vagueness about implementing the measures in question . . . puts the Canadian business community into an awkward position."

Gray, a former minister in the Trudeau cabinet, asserted that the government's "present approach can only be to create otherwise unnecessary tension between the business community and the public at large."

The measures disclosed by Jamieson Oct. 21 would apply to deals in which a Canadian firm would be required to do any of the following: engage in discrimination based on the race, national or ethnic origin or religion of any Canadian or any other individual; refuse to purchase from, or to sell to, any other Canadian firm; refuse to sell Canadian goods to any country, and refrain from buying goods in any country.

Jamieson said the withdrawal of government support programs – such as financing, market information and the aid of trade missions – would impose "very serious hardship" on companies complying with the boycott, which reportedly affects over 100 Canadian firms.

On Ottawa's failure thus far to implement its measures, Gray noted:

"Surely the government would have been wiser to delay making the boycott policy statement till it had both decided what to do about the boycott and, more important, was also in a position to implement the measures...in an immediate and meaningful way.

"As more and more weeks go by without even the limited steps promised...being put into effect, the government has put itself in the position where its good faith and credibility in this key policy area are more and more open to question."

He said it appeared that no guidelines have as yet been formally conveyed to the business community by the government about how firms should conduct themselves when asked to comply with the boycott.

"The answer, therefore, is forthright and immediate federal legislation of general application, so that all Canadian companies are put on the same basis and so that none has to be put in the position of relying on its own individual decision involving the balancing of a sense of business ethics and a fear of possible loss of profits...."

At the time of Jamieson's announcement, Gray (L, Windsor West) criticized the measures because they applied no sanctions. In his speech here last week, Gray again attacked the government measures, and suggested ways in which to implement them.

He also said the national investigative committee looking into the boycott, at the behest of the Canada — Israel

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ANNOUNCEMENT

This week marks the beginning of Montreal news pages with local advertising (see pages 12 and 13). The CJN's entry into Montreal, with a base of 6,500 subscribers, brings total circulation to 36,000.

Clash brewing between AJCS, Project Genesis

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

A serious confrontation is brewing between Allied Jewish Community Services and Project Genesis, an independent research body, over programing for Montreal's estimated 20,000 Jewish poor.

AJCS, despite repeated requests for assistance from Genesis, has turned down a plea for interim funding of $57,640. A joint task force representing the two groups is discussing implementation of a "storefront" in Cote des Neiges to alleviate problems uncovered by the Project's study.

Supporters of the group, formerly known as the Jewish Organizing Project, launched a "Public Committee to Support Project Genesis", led by 10 prominent Jewish professors, rabbis, lawyers and school officials. And 250 Cote des Neiges citizens, at a public meeting in late October, unanimously passed a resolution supporting the storefront agency and calling for AJCS support.

Allied's slowness to fund Project Genesis, initiated a year and a half ago by a faculty member and social work students at McGill University, may be explained by several factors: tight budget conditions, heavy caseloads, hesitancy to fund a non-constituent body and its claim that the community services now spend 50 cents of every dollar on the poor.

Executive director Manuel Batshaw refused to comment on the differences of opinion that have developed with Project organizers, saying only that he found the time spent with the group "unproductive". AJCS, he added, would, however, continue to study the Genesis findings, released last August.

The research group's study, headed by James Torczyner of the McGill Faculty of Social Work, documented the extent and sources of Jewish poverty, with a view to establishing a public committee of community leaders to act as resource help.

Working in the Cote des Neiges area, the Project found a majority of low-income elderly tenants were not, for various reasons, being reached by the existing programs for the aged, despite the fact that major agencies — including the Golden Age Association and Jewish Family Services — are located in that very area.

After talking with the elderly in their homes, the Project study concluded:

— agencies must reach people in need, rather than waiting for them to seek out help;

— Jewish poor must be organized if they are to improve their situation, and

— those in need must be made aware of available services.

Torcyzner says AJCS could save up to 20% by eliminating the overlapping jurisdictions of some agencies. Although he is not seeking a confrontation, he says Project Genesis will continue to press for what it believes needs to be done for the poor and elderly.

In order that AJCS can better help the poor, the researchers suggest more "citizen participation" is needed in decision-making at

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Canada must confront 'Arab blackmail,' says Hamilton MP

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON —

So long as countries such as Canada allow themselves to be vulnerable to Arab blackmail "their murders and their sabotage will continue," Sean O'Sullivan, MP for Hamilton-Wentworth told a Hamilton Hadassah-WIZO Youth Aliyah luncheon meeting last week.

"If we, a nation which has been so blessed, especially with our prized possessions of freedom and democracy and a peace we take too easily for granted, do not stand up and say we will not give in to blackmail, we will stand with our allies, we will stand with Israel for these beliefs and causes and principles — then there will be no hope, not just for Israel but for the whole of civilization and the ideals we believe in."

O'Sullivan and Larry Zolf, broadcaster and political analyst, were guest speakers at the luncheon and were both made life associates of Hadassah-WIZO and presented with their plaques by Claire Mandel, national life associates chairman.

Zolf, tracing the tortuous paths that had led him, through the bewildering series of political lessons that had punctuated his Winnipeg childhood, to his present convictions, grew serious when, in introducing O'Sullivan, he said that one of the fundamentals on which they both agree is "morality in foreign policy."

Since his trip in October, O'Sullivan declared "I want to tell what I learnt in Israel as loudly as I can" and he recounted some of his impressions with warmth and sensitivity.

But "foreign policy," he continued, "is in our minds" and he warned that the Soviets, though they may have cleaned up their act, refined their techniques... and become more sophisticated, "have not changed for one minute their international designs to control this world, using any means they can. And if that means exploiting the problems, the weaknesses of Israel and advancing the cause of the Arab bloc, they will do so and they are doing so.

"Anyone who watches world events and has taken a review of the past few years cannot escape the conclusion that the ongoing conflict is not just a regional thing but part of an international problem we all share and must face."

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Action taken without Histadrut's endorsement

$15 billion budget is approved

JERUSALEM [JTA] —

The cabinet has approved a $15 billion national budget for the fiscal year 1977-78 without the endorsement of Histadrut and with defence spending still undecided.

The new budget is 1% less than the current budget and $½ billion under the originally proposed budget for the new fiscal year. It is called an anti-inflationary budget and is predicated on the assumption that the government will be able to hold the line on spending within its own departments and persuade labor and management to maintain wage-price stability.

An inflation rate not exceeding 25% is projected. The budget was approved unanimously with one abstention by Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen of Mapam. The cabinet did not deal with the Defence Ministry's demand for an additional $62 million to meet its minimal needs next year.

A special committee consisting of Premier Yitzhak Rabin, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Defence Minister Shimon Peres will meet shortly to try to reach a compromise. Government sources said the defence budget will remain within the limits of the approved budget.

The government's hardest task will be to gain the co-operation of Histadrut on the wage front. The trade union federation's initial reaction to the new budget indicated that tough negotiations are in prospect, especially over the government's decision to reduce cost-of-living allowances.

According to Histadrut sources, "even if the government manages to keep inflation at 22%, Israel will have record high inflation and the proper compensation must be paid."

Proposal is endorsed on aliyah absorption

LONDON [JTA] —

The Jewish Agency's board of governors has followed the World Zionist Organization executive in endorsing the proposal to concentrate immigration and absorption of settlers in Israel under a single authority instead of dividing the functions between the Jewish Agency and Israel's Absorption Ministry.

However, the governors, who finished a two-day meeting, said the proposal, known as the Horev Report, entailed complex legal, procedural and financial problems. The Jewish Agency would, therefore, appoint a special committee to study them.

In Jerusalem, it was reported that Premier Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset that the cabinet will decide within two or three months whether or not to accept the Horev Report which has been sharply condemned by Absorption Minister Shlomo Rosen.

Rabin told the Knesset that he saw no haste in dealing with the report's recommendations. In the meantime, he added, the report was being studied, including the objections by Rosen.

Max Fisher, board chairman, told the press that his colleagues had also studied a report on the Agency's own workings drawn up by two professors of the Harvard Business School. There would be further studies of the Agency's staffing policy.

Josef Almogi, chairman of the WZO and Jewish Agency executives, said that in the coming year the Agency expected to raise $440 million and, like last year, would have to operate on a deficit.

Fund-raising, already suffering from the world-wide economic situation, had now been further hit by the devaluations in Mexico and Australia, although they had been particularly offset by Israel's own series of currency devaluations. In 1975, the deficit budget of $502 million had meant cuts in housing and education.

But Almogi stressed that the essential services for aliyah and absorption had been sustained. Both Fisher and Almogi spoke of the need to improve the fund-raising techniques of the Jewish Agency around the world and to strengthen young leadership in the various communities.

28,000 Falashas live in Ethiopia

PHILADELPHIA —

A new census, taken under most difficult conditions in war-torn Ethiopia, shows the population of the Black Ethiopian Falasha Jews to be over 28,000.

Previously, authorities thought the remnant population of this ancient Jewish group had dwindled to a mere 20,000. The new figures were announced at a special session of the American Association for Ethiopian Jews held at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds in Philadelphia.

Nonetheless, disease, poverty, discrimination and intense conversion efforts by Christian missionaries are still taking their toll. These neglected Jews are all that remain of a once proud people, the last Jewish independent nation before the state of Israel.

In the 16th century, they numbered half a million. From that high point in their history, they dwindled to 250,000 in the 19th century, 150,000 in the early 1900s and finally to 28,000 today. Most are either landless sharecroppers or poor craftsmen.

The report revealed that over half of the population is 18 years old or younger. There are 6,000 families, mostly living in 488 villages and two towns in the central highlands within the provinces of Begemdir, Tigre, and Wollo.

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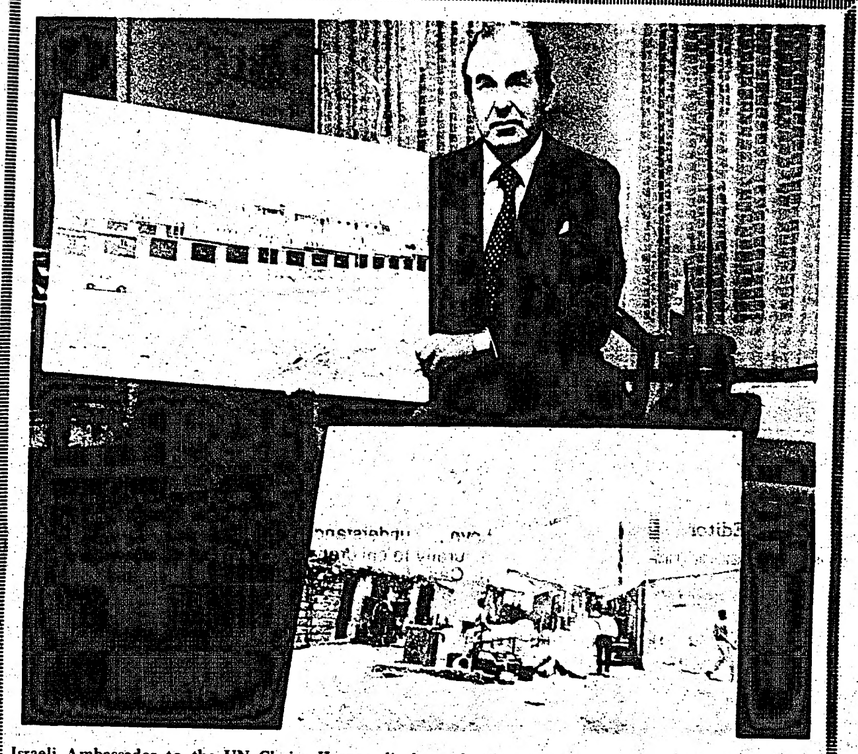

Israeli Ambassador to the UN Chaim Herzog displays photographs showing a refugee camp and new housing built by Israel after the General Assembly overwhelmingly passed a resolution calling on Israel to halt refugee resettlement efforts in the Gaza Strip and immediately return all Palestinian refugees of Gaza to their old camps. Israel showed off new accommodation built for the refugees.

Equal rights wanted

PARIS [JCNS] —

Chehata Haroun, an Egyptian-Jewish lawyer, has asked President Sadat of Egypt to give to Jews deprived of their Egyptian nationality by the late President Nasser, their former Egyptian citizenship.

In a message published in the daily newspaper Al-Gumhuria which circulates here, Haroun, who is known for his leftist opinions, invited the Egyptian government to give to those Jews still living in Egypt equal rights with other Egyptian citizens. He also stressed that Egyptian Jews should be allowed to travel abroad without having to obtain special police permission.

According to the latest figures, there are about 550 Jews living in Egypt, 200 of these in Alexandria and the remainder in Cairo. The majority of them are elderly, although there are about 50 young people among them.

Israelis in Africa?

JERUSALEM [JCNS] —

An Israeli consul's remarks to the Canadian press which allegedly intimated that some Israeli diplomats are serving in several African capitals in foreign embassies which look after the interests of Israel, has been described here by officials as "irresponsible."

The disclosure was made inadvertently at a press conference by Ariel Aran, the outgoing Israeli consul in Montreal, who said that he was being posted to Abidjan, capital of the Ivory Coast, and that this was not unusual for Israeli diplomats. Foreign Ministry officials want to know why Aran took it upon himself to disclose facts relating to Israel's delicate diplomatic stature in Africa.

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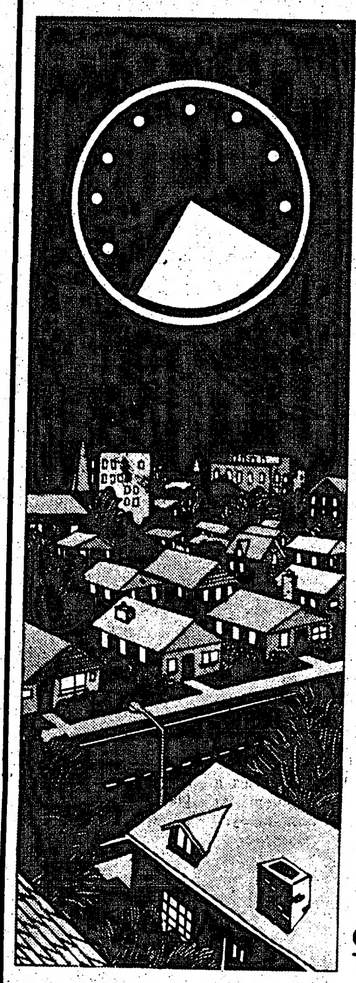

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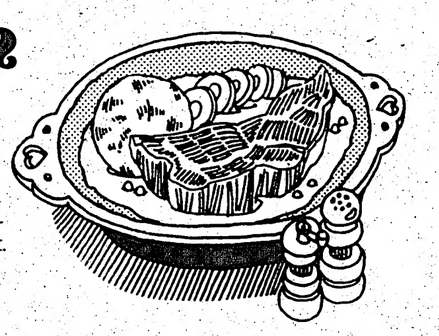

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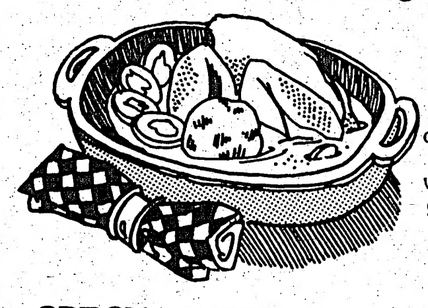

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Prior to the Negev Dinner last week, honoree James F. Kay (left) chats with Senator-elect Daniel Moynihan of New York (centre) and David Dennis, chairman of Jewish National Fund of Toronto. Family photo has Kay along with wife Elaine and children (from left) Allyson, Wendy, Melanie and Sean. (Gadi Hoz)

Israel Bonds luncheon

Moynihan recalls UN setbacks

By MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Daniel Patrick Moynihan stopped off in Hamilton while on his way to Toronto for the Negev dinner honoring James F. Kay, to meet with local State of Israel Bonds and business leaders and from the surrounding centres of Brantford, Kitchener, Guelph, Niagara Falls and Oakville.

There was an unusually large turnout for the midday, midweek Bonds rally that followed the luncheon. Moynihan's address was essentially the same as the one he delivered in Toronto but in a subsequent question-and-answer period he elaborated on some of his feelings about the United Nations. Before he resigned, he said, "my time at the United Nations was about over because it was beginning to be felt that I was speaking for myself, or rather speaking for my government but that it didn't matter very much what I said.

"It matters that you can't clearly say that things aren't so without expecting a pretty hard reply," he said of the reluctance of other ambassadors to speak out on behalf of democracy. "Until that becomes the routine response of all the democracies, then I think we are one by one redundant."

He was disappointed, he said, with the lack of support from Britain and the "curious reluctance of support" from France: "When do you learn the lesson of the dictatorships that nothing comes from appeasing them?"

Recalling the time when Israel was expelled from the European group of UNESCO, he said of the U.S. decision to withhold financial support from UNESCO that "if the United Nations or UNESCO is doing something intolerable, don't leave and take your money away. Stay there and say it is intolerable! Stay there and go down one by one the nations that would accuse Israel of anti-democratic practices and enquire when was the last time you elected a prime minister? Tell me how often you have opened your jails to Amnesty

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Ontario Liberal Leader Stuart Smith of Burlington introduces Daniel Patrick Moynihan at Israel Bonds function in Hamilton. Looking on is Norine Daniels, an Israel Bonds executive in Ontario and Toronto.

'Economic sacrifices have reached limit'

TORONTO — Israelis have about reached the limit of the economic sacrifices they can make, according to Ephraim Evron, Israel's ambassador-designate to Great Britain. He was in Toronto this week to address a series of United Jewish Appeal meetings.

Evron said the domestic pressure to solve social and educational problems is increasing in intensity and only the generosity of Diaspora Jewry can help alleviate the situation.

"We have reached a position," he said, "where it is almost impossible to cut back any more, and the weaker elements of our society are suffering." Tensions between various segments of the population are growing as the economic situation worsens "and the stresses from inside are very serious."

He emphasized that the expense of keeping strong militarily is the reason for domestic cutbacks and

Ephraim Evron

pointed out that the cost of a single jet fighter, $29 million, could provide one year of free schooling in all the secondary schools of Israel. Israel has ordered 25 of these planes.

The military and political situation is stable at the moment, Evron said, although Syria's occupation of Lebanon poses a long range problem. At the present time the Syrian forces are spread too thin to represent a threat to Israel's security.

On the positive side, he said Israel reduced its balance of trade gap in the past year by a half billion dollars and is hoping for even better results through stepped up exports. In the year before, the balance of trade deficit was $4 billion.

Despite world pressure since the Yom Kippur War to return to pre-1967 borders, Israel has given up very little territory and he attributed this to Henry Kissinger's step-by-step policy which was better for Israel than insistence on a total retreat.

He said Israel's dealings in the past with Cyrus Vance, who will be secretary of state in the new U.S. cabinet, have been very good. He described him as a fair-minded man. Vance signed the first deal on behalf of the U.S. to supply Israel with jet planes.

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The Canadian Jewish News is embarking on a new policy with respect to advance publicity on all organizational events. As a Jewish community newspaper, we are conscious of the important role played by the several hundred organizations in Metro Toronto, but it is necessary that advance stories for any single event be restricted because of space limitations and the imbalance caused by a multitude of publicity items.

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The Editor

Ex-London rabbi gets appointment

LONDON, ONT. — Rabbi Abraham D. Mandelbaum, a former rabbi of Congregation Beth Tefilla here, has been appointed assistant director of development of Yeshiva University's synagogue campaign division, it was made known here.

Rabbi Mandelbaum earned the bachelor's degree at Yeshiva College in 1959, the master of Hebrew literature degree at

Rabbi Mandelbaum

Bernard Revel Graduate School in 1962, and was ordained at Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary that same year.

From 1963-66 he was a chaplain in the U.S. Army, serving in France. He has also served as spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Israel in Edmonton,

Jacob Latner

Jacob Latner dies

TORONTO — Jacob Latner, an executive with Greenwin Construction for 21 years, died here recently at the age of 79.

Born in London, England, he was decorated for service during World War I in Palestine with the 38th Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

Later settling in Toronto, he was an active member of Beth Sholom Synagogue for 23 years. His philanthropies encompassed all Jewish organizations, particularly the Israel Special Fund.

Latner, predeceased by his wife, Elise Wolkenstein, is survived by one sister, Phoebe Markowitz, his son, Albert, two daughters, Pauline Wolfman and Zilpah Rumack, and 12 grandchildren.

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Oil and politics

Three years ago, with the Yom Kippur War raging, the Arab states announced an oil embargo and production cutback. Deprived of the petroleum which lubricates and powers the West's mighty industrial economies, the United States, Canada and Western Europe experienced a severe recession — a downturn still characterized by high levels of unemployment and inflation.

Though the impact of the embargo continues to haunt, and hurt, the United States, Washington has done relatively little to lessen its dependence on oil imports. In fact, the U.S. would reportedly be at a greater disadvantage today, in the event of a second embargo, than it was in 1973. Politically, Washington's growing dependence on Arab oil supplies may yet be reflected in its policy toward Israel.

Far from having developed a coherent energy policy, the U.S. remains almost at the mercy of the oil-producing states. In 1970, U.S. crude oil production peaked at 9.6 million barrels a day, declining to about 8.2 barrels today. Meanwhile, domestic oil consumption rose, creating a heavier demand for imported oil. Statistically, U.S. imports of oil have grown from 33% of the total consumed to 43%. Experts claim that imports are likely to rise in the future.

Concomitantly, the Arab countries — which supplied some 11% of the American oil demand at the time of the 1973 war — now supply 18%. And Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest producer, has replaced Canada and Venezuela as the leading supplier of oil to the U.S. market.

Although the bare statistics suggest a measure of laxity on the part of the United States to find additional sources of supply, the evidence tells quite another story. Oil companies have spent millions in exploratory costs, particularly in Alaska. Yet while oilmen expect the Alaska fields to yield a bonanza, oil from Alberta's shale and tar sands are now thought to be practically and commercially farther away from realization than was the case in 1973.

Another factor to consider is that OPEC — the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries — has unilaterally determined oil prices since the October war. Naturally, the Arabs have increased prices several times since then, exacerbating the blight of inflation. Prior to that, prices were set in negotiations with the giant oil companies. Between 1960 and 1970, prices stabilized at about $1.90 per barrel. Today, with the price having jumped to $11.51 a barrel, the Arab producers are again thinking of raising prices.

As the days of gunboat diplomacy are apparently no more, the United States is hardly in a position to dispatch troops to express its ire over mounting oil prices. Washington can threaten the Arabs with a food embargo, but that would probably be counter-productive. Washington's best hope lies in developing oil fields, searching for new sources of energy and stepping up coal mining activity. These are the answers to an oil-starved America.

All this may take years of scientific inquiry and billions of dollars to realize. But the effort is surely worth the expense in time and money. As long as the Arabs insist on mixing oil and politics, the West should be prepared for the worst eventualities, and Israel — as the ultimate scapegoat — should gird itself for possible shifts in American policy.

People of the Book

It has always been somewhat of a puzzle why the Jewish community has seen fit to designate one month in the calendar as Jewish Book Month. Ostensibly it is supposed to raise the consciousness of Jews with regard to our rich literary traditions. One month in a busy year is hardly an excessively long period to spend in contemplation of the immense productivity the Jewish people has achieved in the realm of thought, be it belletristic, philosophical or religious.

And yet the celebration of Jewish Book Month, as necessary as it is, suggests that a concession has been made, not dissimilar in principle to the one which animates National Brotherhood Month. In a way, the idea of a Jewish Book Month represents a surrender to the pressures of modern society — in which the world of books plays no more than a tangential role. Perhaps as Jews we should be pleased that at least 1/12th of the year is now devoted to the work of the spirit.

In Jewish life it was not always so.

Traditionally, the love of books and learning permeated Jewish consciousness, and not only during specific periods during the year. Stemming from a religious conviction that study was to be equated with prayer, Jewish attitudes towards books were admirable. In the Middle Ages when the masses were illiterate, Jewish literacy was well nigh universal. It is not surprising that among the first books printed in Venice, the home of modern printing, were biblical and Talmudic tomes.

The rabbis were most astute in inculcating love for books among Jewish children. When the child was exposed, for the first time to the Book of Books, he was given a taste of honey — an ancient associative technique to make the study of Torah a sweet exercise. The rabbis also taught that because an ignorant man cannot be a wise man, learning and books were part of the baggage of the sincerely religious man.

This view was communicated constantly throughout Jewish history. Indeed the pious Jew from the Ashkenazi tradition would generally use the word "sefer" rather than "buch" when referring to a book. The reason: a "sefer" connotes a world perspective that goes beyond the lines which appear on the printed page. To a Jew a book is not something strange or foreign; it is a comrade, a challenger, a companion.

What was the ambition of every learned Jew in Europe? To publish the results of his enquiries into the Hebrew Bible, the Talmud and other sacred Scriptures. Medieval sculptures and frescos of Jews, even when they are uncomplimentary in their themes, habitually portray our ancestors book in hand — a mute tribute to Jewish intellectuality.

Today respect for the book is still very much alive among the Jewish people but the image has been secularized. In the past, the book generally meant the Bible. Today only a minute portion of Jewish energy is poured into the kinds of books which preoccupied past generations. For most of us it is no longer the "sefer" we confront but the "buch".

Perhaps Jewish Book Month could serve a useful purpose in recalling for the Jewish community our past grandeur as a nation for whom the study and appreciation of books were never compartmentalized into time slots. Then, books were our constant companions; they taught us; they formed us; they transformed us. Would that we could recapture even momentarily that atmosphere during Jewish Book Month.

This is a friend?

Gentile Zionism has a long and honored tradition. Since the days of Theodor Herzl, the founder of political Zionism, Christians have been attracted to the movement. Zionism fired their imagination, though a few of them were undoubtedly drawn to it to advance the strategic interests of their respective countries.

Vladimir Sokolov-Samarin has let it be known that he, too, is a Zionist of the Christian persuasion. He says he has become an avid Zionist in recent years because he believes it is the best way to fight communism. Rightly or wrongly, quite a few non-Jews support Zionism because they think it is antagonistic to communism. In that spirit, Mr. Vladimir Sokolov-Samarin would lead us to believe that he is also a friend of Israel.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

Despite his alleged attachment to Zionism, he is actually an enemy of the Jewish people. He has resigned from Yale University under pressure for his role as a Nazi propagandist during World War II. The 63-year-old lecturer in Russian literature was exposed by a Soviet Yiddish-language journal for having written anti-Semitic editorials for a fascist newspaper published in the German-occupied Soviet town of Orel.

Mr. Sokolov-Samarin claims that anti-Bolshevism, not anti-Semitism, was his overriding sentiment. And he adds he would never have written his Goebbels-like prose had he known that Jews were being exterminated. However, a glance at his writings indicate that he did not write under duress. In one editorial, he wrote that every time he heard a Jewish name he imagined "a large Jewish rat with a protruding mug." At other times, he advocated violence against "kikes" and praised the German leadership. One suspects he believed what he wrote.

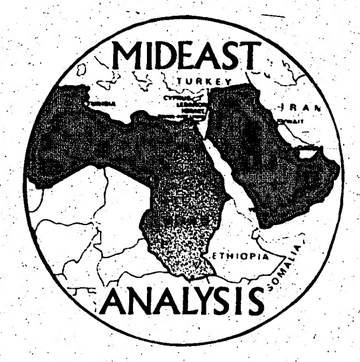
Understandably, Yale was greatly embarrassed by the disclosure, and four of six professors in his department wrote to Mr. Sokolov-Samarin: "(The writing) reveals to us beyond any reasonable doubt that you were engaged not only in anti-communist but also pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic activities under the German occupation."

One of the four professors said the letter had been written to pressure their colleague into resigning. "We don't feel the department should be attacked for harboring an ex-fascist and an anti-Semite," he was quoted as saying.

Now, having been forced to leave Yale in a state of disgrace, Mr. Sokolov-Samarin looks for excuses to rationalize his behavior. Thirty-three years after engaging in his activities, he says he aided the Germans because they were anti-communist. "I know of no nationalities, only communist and anti-communist," he told The Yale Daily News, adding he now felt that Jews and anti-communists had the same goal — to liquidate the Soviet system.

With friends like this, Zionism — and indeed the Jews — would be in dire trouble.

Despite Syrian 'victory' in Lebanon, Christian-Moslem conflict unsolved



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

With the bloodless Syrian occupation of most of Lebanon a fait accompli, the savage Lebanese civil war appears to have run its course.

As Syrian tanks and troop carriers of the Arab peacekeeping force rumbled into Beirut two weeks ago, shouts went up from the crowds lining the streets and boulevards of the Lebanese capital. Few Lebanese welcoming the Syrians were concerned with the fact that Syria's triumphal entry into Beirut marked the first time since 1958 that the capital was occupied by a foreign army.

Uppermost in their minds was that peace was finally at hand, not that the Syrians had taken virtual control of Lebanon. As Lebanese President Elias Sarkis put it: "...we are now clinging to security even before bread..."

Clearly, the victor in the 19-month-long struggle was Syria (which to this day has no formal diplomatic ties with Lebanon because Damascus never really accepted the French partition of Syria after World War 1).

The losers were the Palestinians, Israelis and the Russians; and, to a lesser extent, the Christians, who likely would have won the war had it not been for Syrian and Saudi Arabian pressure to end it.

Though the war is over — a war that left some 40,000 dead — the deep-seated problems which triggered it still remain to be solved. The basic Christian-Moslem class conflict remains unsolved, and the status of the Palestinian refugees continues to cause uncertainty in the minds of those who yearn for a stable Lebanon.

Syria emerged victorious because its expeditionary army succeeded in imposing a truce which no side had the strength to refuse. But the Syrians triumphed in another area as well. Despite repeated Israeli warnings about the dire dangers of armed intervention, Syria called Israel's bluff and invaded the country with inpunity. That itself was a major Syrian coup, and, conversely, a resounding Israeli setback.

On balance, it appears that Israel gained relatively little as a result of the conflict. The "good fence" policy and the presence of Christian gunmen in southern Lebanon were seen to work in Israel's favor in the early autumn. Today, however, with the Syrians so close to the Litani River — or the fabled 'red line' — one wonders whether the "good fence" has any real future, or whether the Christian militias, which still hold a strip in southern Lebanon, can withstand Moslem pressure to turn the rugged region into a Palestinian staging base.

The Palestinians lost ground because the Syrians — long the mentor and protector of the Palestinian movement — cut the Palestine Liberation Organization down to size, and almost deposed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat in the process. Despite the misleading impression which the short-lived Syrian-Christian alliance created in the West, Syrian President Hafez Assad never had any intention of destroying the Palestinians as a viable political force.

Yet, in order to achieve a balance of power between the rival Christians and Moslems — and to prevent an unwanted war with Israel at this time — Assad had to curb the growing arrogance of the Palestinians. That the Syrians did this, by dint of their armor, is a reflection of their persistence. For the last 10 years, on and off again, Syria attempted to put a leash on the straining Palestinians, but not until the war in Lebanon erupted, did they seize the golden opportunity.

The disintegration of Lebanon dealt the PLO another blow from which it may not recover: its secular state concept was drowned in the religious and ethnic warfare of the Lebanese bloodbath. The short-term result of this is that a greater number of Palestinians may call for the creation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, a stance which is bound to be more popular among Westerners than their suicidal insistence for a secular, democratic state.

Finally, the terms of the truce ending the war brought the Syrians and the Egyptians together after an estrangement of one year. In fact, the stage has now been set for a new and potentially powerful bloc in the Middle East comprising Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia — a bloc which experts always considered an impossible dream.

Since Egypt and Saudi Arabia are known for their pro-Western bias, observers presume that Syria, a pro-Soviet stalwart, has more or less passed into the Western camp. If this assumption is valid, Washington has gained a foothold in a country which was invariably conceived as anti-American. One of the implications of Syria's apparent change in political orientation is that the United States may force Israel to withdraw from the bulk of the Golan Heights.

The Israelis will surely be in trouble if the rapprochement between Syria and Egypt holds out. Militarily, Israel will no longer be able to count on Egypt's aloofness in the event of a fifth Arab-Israeli war; politically, the Israelis may very well be confronted by the unpleasant reality of a united Arab front should the Geneva peace talks be reconvened.

In spite of Damascus' gains, the Syrians have assigned themselves no easy task in Lebanon. The fundamental problems remain outstanding: How can dominant Christian economic and political interests be whittled down without causing further strife, or a mass exodus of Christians? How will the Palestinians attain their goal of "liberating" Palestine if the Syrians restrict their freedom of movement? How will Damascus deal with rebel Christian forces in southern Lebanon? If Lebanon is transformed into a 'confrontation state', how will Israel react?

These issues may yet be resolved to the satisfaction of all interested parties. But if they are not, the Syrians may well be the ultimate losers in the quagmire that is Lebanon.

Christian rightist forces patrol Lebanese frontier opposite Israel. Christians and Israel control a strip of land in southern Lebanon. Will Syria move in? (IPPA photograph)

German businessman-banker Israel Jacobson helped lay the foundation of Reform worship

By ROCHELLE CARR

The constitution of the New Israelitish Temple Association bears the date Dec. 11, 1817. The importance of this document is that it set forth the principles under which 66 of Hamburg's Jews would worship. In essence, what this group began was the first formally recognized type of Reform service in Europe.

There had, of course, been earlier attempts to establish some type of Reform service upon which the Hamburg group would build.

The first person generally believed to have offered a Reform service was Israel Jacobson from the small town of Seesen, Germany. The businessman-banker was so impressed by the Jewish Free School begun in Berlin by David Friedlander, that he decided Seesen should have such a school too.

Under Jacobson's direction, and with his financial backing, such a school was opened in his town in 1801. His devotion to the school knew no bounds. To stimulate student participation further, he began introducing certain changes. During several of the services held at the school, some prayers were translated into German. Guest preachers were invited who often delivered sermons in German and who spoke on topics showing Judaism's relevance to the times.

These services became so popular that, soon, Jacobson's friends began attending them in preference to those held in synagogues, In 1808, he opened another school at Cassel where he introduced the confirmation ceremony for girls as well as boys.

By 1810, the popularity of the Seesen school had grown to the point where he felt obliged to construct a larger building. Now, inside the beautiful new edifice could be heard the sweet voices of the youthful school choir with the music of the organ in the background.

With the fall of Napoleon and the freedom his army brought, Jacobson chose to move to Berlin and start anew his type of religious service in his own home. The wave of reaction that swept Europe after the battle of Waterloo, caused many a suspicious eye to be cast in Jacobson's direction. He was ordered to discontinue his services.

The group of 66 Jews of Hamburg, who met in 1817 to write their constitution, knew of Jacobson's efforts. They followed his lead in the type of service he had established, for, as their constitutions specified, they wished "to restore public worship to its deserving dignity and importance." The services they offered, within an atmosphere of decorum, began attracting more and more people. The Reform movement had begun.

Israel Jacobson, pioneer of Reform Jewry

All this, however, formed only the bare beginnings of Reform Judaism in Europe.

Despite much opposition from without, and much bickering from within as to the direction Reform should take, the movement weathered all storms and began setting down permanent roots first in Europe and later in North America.

Our roots deep, enduring in Quebec

By J. B. SALSBERG

The editor informed me that beginning with this issue the Canadian Jewish News will reach thousands of new readers in Montreal. Everything else aside, I readily admit that on a purely personal level this was very welcome news.

I know, of course, that in addition to an almost saturation coverage of all Jewish communities in Ontario, this paper is read by a substantial number of our Montreal landsleit. I was made aware of this fact on recent visits to the Quebec metropolis. What amazed me greatly during such visits was the discovery that my good uncle Eliezer, whose words of wisdom find frequent expression in this column, was also well known in Montreal. (All that speaks very well for Montreal, don't you think?)

But I am ready to admit that I secretly longed for a wider readership in the largest Jewish centre in this country. After all, I was closely associated with many aspects of Jewish (and non-Jewish) life in Montreal for well over half a century.

What is more, I nurture a healthy and fond respect for many renowned educational, social and cultural institutions that Montreal Jewry developed through the years. Some of them serve as models for all Jewish communities in this country and in the United States. It is, therefore, most gratifying to have the opportunity to chat — sometimes in deadly earnest and sometimes with tongue in cheek — with many more old and, hopefully, new Montreal friends from week to week.

And so, uncle Eliezer and I, his favorite nephew, take your friendly hands and say, "Sholem Aleichem, Montreal Jews!"

Now that we have exchanged friendly Shaloms, it is time to begin in the traditional Jewish manner and ask, "nu, vos hert zich, what's doing?" And in customary manner I won't give a chance to reply, but will continue and say: "We know, of course, that you are a bit baffled, concerned and, perhaps, even disturbed about the future, aren't you?" And in reply you will, most likely, turn your head to one side, raise your eyebrows and with half a smile say diplomatically, "we are and we aren't, you know how it is..."

Of course I know how it is. On the one hand you don't want to be an alarmist and on the other hand you are worried. Well, my friends in Montreal and in the rest of Canada, no Jew need be apologetic for being worried. The whole country is worried about the future of Canada except, perhaps, the political yahoos, the know-nothings and the anglophobes and francophobes on both sides of the fence. All serious, thoughtful and well-intentioned citizens have good cause to be concerned.

But my own feeling is that no Canadian — Jew or Gentile — can reach a position, deserving to be upheld and fought for successfully, unless it be a morally correct one. In order to reach such a position, one has to be scrupulously objective.

With regard to Quebec, it has been my feeling for a long, long time that the so-called anglophones have much to atone for. This realization has made me a francophile (or should I say a Quebecophile?) when I first began working with French-Canadian men and women in Montreal a half-a-century ago. And it seems to be an immutable law of nature that distortions — whether geological or social — are ultimately corrected by jolts, shifts or eruptions.

I learned a long time ago that what was (and still is) pictured as a love-match between French and English in "British North America" was actually a "conquest" with all the implications of such an occurrence. It was that primary appreciation of our country's history that made me a Quebecophile and I have spoken and written as such long before (and, of course, ever since), the ignominious end of the Duplessis era.

One of my most precious prizes is a totally unsolicited article that appeared in the Montreal bilingual weekly Labor World, some 50 years ago, extolling my understanding of the French-Canadians.

I want to underscore the point that I understood the problems of French-Canada 50 years ago primarily because I was a Jew. And it is as a Jew that I can now understand and sympathize with the basic, democratic, national aspirations of francophone Quebec.

If I am opposed to separatism, it is because I am fully certain that those aspirations can and, therefore, must be secured within a united Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Ancient injustices must be ungrudgingly corrected in order that every side can truly and wholeheartedly say, this is my, our country.

As for us, Canadian Jews (and not only Quebec Jews), we need to draw from our own, age-old source of experience to fully understand our neighbor's problems and be guided by the ancient Jewish dictum (Yes, it was a Jewish dictum), of treating our neighbors as we would wish our neighbors to treat us.

• Easier said than done? Of course. But first we need a standpoint, a morally correct position. Without it we will not act as Jews...

I am hopeful of the future. When upheavals subside the topographic contours may have undergone modifications but the land remains and so do its people.

I firmly believe that the Jewish roots are deep, strong and will be abiding in Quebec.

Victory of Parti Quebecois evokes questions

Quebec nationalism: good or bad for the Jews?

TODAY'S ANTI-SEMITISM

WHERE WE STAND

By TOBA KORENBLUM

This is the first in a four-part series examining the phenomenon of anti-Semitism. The article here explores French–Jewish relations in Quebec in the light of the recent election.

MONTREAL —

The meteoric victory of the Parti Quebecois evoked a spasm of uncertainty throughout Canada, but for the Jews in that province it was a distinctly different shudder. With a calm veneer, they are engaged in the historic exercise of re-evaluating their minority religious and lingual status in a French Catholic Quebec.

Likely in their thoughts is the nagging political thesis which appears to have been corroborated down through history — that extreme forms of nationalism do not favor the Jews. Feeding off that innate anxiety, Liberal minister Dr. Victor Goldbloom warned several hundred affluent Montreal Jews gathered on the eve of the election at Westmount's Shaar Hashomayim: "You understand what nationalist parties do to minorities."

And apparently the implicit message came through clearly as Goldbloom, despite his party's controversial French language bill, pulled in a resounding 80% of the vote in his predominately Jewish riding.

Coupled with the theories about blatant cultural chauvinism was the not-too-distant fact of virulent anti-Semitism in that province in the '30s, spawned by fascist-style Nazi supporters of the likes of former journalist Adrien Arcand — an anti-Semitism whose bedrock was laid in the classroom and moulded from the pulpit.

How different is the Quebec of 1976 compared to 1936? Very different, says David Rome, a long-time observer of French-Canadian Jewish relations and national archivist for the Canadian Jewish Congress in Montreal. "I just don't accept the premise that a nationalist society would subvert its minorities. This is a new Quebec. It's made of educated young, intense nationalists who have seen anti-Semitism as a retrograde thing. They've chucked it out with clericalism."

There is a panic among Jews in the province, he admits, but "it just doesn't have a basis. I haven't seen anti-Semitism from separatists, nationalists or extremists in many years. I've just never seen evidence of it."

But, there is a "second Quebec", he adds, whose conditioned biases have not been obliterated. For half a century Quebec had a dominating tradition of anti-Semitism inspired by the Catholic Church. While there has been a considerable alteration in liturgy and dogma, a substantial residue of the old position was at the foundation of Quebec political, social and educational life.

"That second Quebec has far from disappeared," Rome says. "It has not been wiped out by the quiet revolution and we don't know when it will arise again. That relic or remnant of the older society is pervasive; a weighty, influential and substantive segment are holding to the old way."

Much of the anti-Semitism in Quebec can be traced to an anti-English backlash, he points out. The Jews served as the surrogate Englishman, the middleman. Rome puts it this way: "The nearest 'white man' you can hit is the Jew." And he readily places much of the blame on the Jewish community itself. "Why didn't we learn French? Why did we have to be identified with the English?" French-Jewish relations started out very much on the wrong foot, he says. The post-war Jewish immigrants "were not an easy group to assimilate and to love. They weren't going to become the French Canadian habitant."

The saving grace of Quebec Jewry, according to Rome, is the influx of the Francophone Sephardim — who now total some 20,000. As an indication of the positive relationship with the native Quebecois, the Catholic school system, he notes, sponsored and funded Ecole Maimonides, the day school for Montreal's Sephardic Jews. But the Anglophone Jews have not always been sympathetic to their French-speaking co-religionists. In fact, says the CJC archivist, "they've set about to anglicize these Jews, very much like they've tried to assimilate French Canada."

Despite his optimism, Rome does view with some degree of caution, the trend among some leftist Quebecois to vilify Israel and to launch a political attack on "Jewish influence and power", a remnant of the old Church canard. "There are links — sometimes tangible and clear, sometimes vague — between pro-Palestinian propaganda, Quebec labor and the new left." He notes those sectors which ally themselves to terrorist movements, Quebecers who train in terrorist cells abroad, or associated with the FLQ-style rebellion. "A few years ago they were dangerous, but it hasn't died down. They are small now, but they can mushroom."

Canadian Civil Liberties Association counsel, Alan Borovoy, while remarking that "no group has any monopoly on anti-Semitism," did offer a cautiously-worded comment when asked about Quebec: "Some of the nationalists are rather progressive in their position. The difficulty is certain forms of nationalism create a climate in which minority groups face greater difficulties. Quebec is more stratified than other societies in Canada," he says. "There isn't as much intergroup mixing because of the denominational school system."

Like Rome, he points to certain extremists in the province, apologists for the FLQ and new-left sympathizers whose polemics are increasingly anti-Semitic. (Yvon Charbonneau, Quebec's French Catholic teachers union chieftain, on returning from a conference in Libya, told a press conference that the province's million-and-a-half French school children should be taught the meaning of racism and Zionism.)

Peter Jones, the newly-appointed head of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, spent nine years teaching at Loyola College and was a translator at the Vatican II council. Because of the official position of the Catholic Church in Quebec towards Jews, there is a considerable "heavy history" of anti-Semitism in the province, he says. But attitudes are changing slowly as the Church is being "disestablished" and clergymen are committed to dialogue.

Among those less cautious and more alarmed about Quebec is Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, chairman of Canadian Jewish Congress Central Region's Joint Community Relations Committee, who remarked shortly before the election: "The way Quebec handles its Jewish minority will be the best evidence of where Quebec is going and what it can do. The Jew is the symbol of Quebec's confrontation with minority rights."

In chauvinist or nativist environments, he says, Jews have not done well. Quebec's "particularism" asserts that the majority limits its obligation to its minorities. "Therein lies the danger." Quebec, too, he adds, seems to be ripe for the same political ideology associated with the Third World emerging nations.

Canada-Israel Committee's Quebec liaison, Michael Solomon, editor of the CIC's publication Regards Sur Israel, is convinced of a growing rapprochement between French Canadians and Jews in the province and the firm support for Israel among academics and members of the press. The Catholic Church, he says, has lost 90% of its pre-war power. "An educated youth, broken away from parochialism, rejects and despises the idea of the superstition and obscurantism of Adrien Arcand. This epoch (Quebec in the '30s) profoundly repulses the younger generation."

What is the future of the Jews in Quebec? For David Rome the answer lies "in the manner in which the Jews integrate without assimilating." And looking at their seeming resistance to the French language and culture, he adds: "I'm not optimistic the Jews are adjusting well."

For Henry Srebrnik, a 31-year-old professor at Montreal's Dawson College, the prognosis is murky. There is a constant, slow trickle of younger Jews out of the province and the community, in the long-run, may well be labelled "Canada's Lower East Side." Those who remain behind are the elderly, the propertied class and the people struck by inertia.

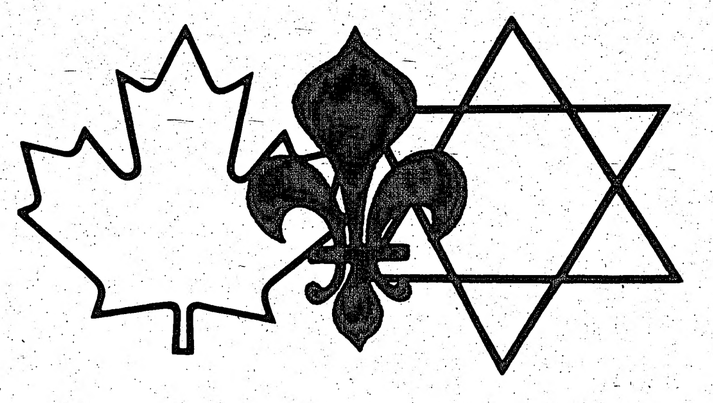
Jews in Quebec, he says, are suffering from a legitimate form of paranoia. "They are afraid to live in a highly monolithic state, and the historical antennae are up." The election of the Parti Quebecois has served as warning signal, he adds, but it would be erroneous to draw the assumption that there is a direct correlation here between nationalism and anti-Semitism.

What the right-wing anti-Semite says to the Jew, notes Srebrnik, is 'leave'. What the left-wing nationalist says is 'be Quebecois'. Ultimately, the two solutions both erode the ethnicity of the community, and assimilation is the result. The Jew in the high socio-economic category, says the academic, also has an underlying fear of the PQ's socialism, and there is a "quiet run on the banks."

The choice in the distant future, he concludes, is between the safety of Canadian pluralism, and Quebec nationalism. "It's a lot easier to leave," he says, "than to become a Quebecois Jew."

The next article in this series deals with legislating against hatred in Canada.

'There is panic among Jews, but it doesn't have a basis,' claims one observer



Letters to the Editor

Family freed from Beirut; thanks given

Dear Editor:

In your article about my family from Lebanon, "We feel in our souls that we are free in Canada" (CJN, Nov. 19), no reference was made to the people who were responsible in helping me bring my parents and brother out of Beirut, Lebanon. It is because of their efforts that my family is here with me in Canada.

I initially sought help from Rabbi David Monson who phoned Judy Feld, chairman of the Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, of the Canadian Jewish Congress. She wrote letters to the appropriate people in the Department of External Affairs and Immigration. In Ottawa, she met with Mr. Witold Weynerowski of the Middle East Division of the Department of Immigration in order to make available the necessary Canadian visas should my family be able to leave Lebanon.

When all the necessary formalities of immigration to Canada were completed, I contacted the Jewish Immigration Aid Services in Toronto. Their attitude in this case gave me a strong impression that I was knocking at the wrong door.

Meanwhile, my family escaped from Beirut to Cyprus. In Cyprus they contacted the HIAS organization who gave them the financial and moral help to travel to Paris and from there to Toronto.

I want in this letter to express my deep gratitude to Rabbi Monson, to Mrs. J. Feld, to the HIAS organization and to all the people who cared.

Sally Sidi,
Toronto

Dear Editor:

In view of the fact that the Toronto Zionist Council has seen fit to give a platform to an official of the government of the Republic of South Africa, we consider it necessary to point out that while the Toronto Zionist Council is a member of the Canadian Zionist Federation, it is an independent grouping and does not represent other constituent members of the CZF.

As members of the Canadian Zionist Federation, we wish specifically to dissociate ourselves from this action.

Norman Auslander, president,
Friends of Pioneering Israel,
Eve Alon, rosh ken,
Hashomer Hatzair Youth Organization,
Toronto

Entry into World Zionist Organization finally unites Conservative movement

American Conservative Jews through their movement, which has spread to 26 other countries, recently affiliated to the World Zionist movement. In this article, Richard Yaffe, the New York correspondent of the Jewish Chronicle, outlines the factors which led to this step being taken.

NEW YORK [JCNS] —

The Conservative movement's official induction into the World Zionist Organization, at WZO headquarters on Park Avenue recently, was a happy occasion for all concerned. The various elements of the Conservative movement now find themselves, because of the act of affiliation, organically united for the first time in years.

It has been talked about, generally **sotto voce**, but it was no secret that the relations between the Rabbinical Assembly, the organization of the movement's rabbis, and the United Synagogue of America, its congregational body, were on the cool side; so much so that the United Synagogue did not endorse the Rabbinical Assembly's new prayerbooks for use in its affiliated congregations.

For its part, the Assembly had no role in the World Council of Synagogues, the organization set up by the United Synagogues some 15 years ago as a federation of Conservative congregations throughout the world. The Council now reports that it represents some two-and-a-half million Jews in 26 countries, with synagogues in South and Central America, Canada, Denmark, England, India, Israel, Sweden, Iran, Japan and Australia.

There never was any question as to the Conservative movement's adherance to Zionism and Jewish peoplehood since it came on the American scene soon after the turn of the century. It was its founder, the late Dr. Solomon Schechter, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, who enunciated the Zionist creed to which the movement has adhered.

Zionism, he said in 1906, "is an ideal, and as such is indefinable. It is thus subject to various interpretations and susceptible to different aspects. It may appear to one as the rebirth of national Jewish consciousness, to another as a religious revival, while to a third it may take the form of the last and only solution of the Jewish problem.

"Zionism has been able to unite on its platform the most heterogenous elements; representing Jews of all countries and exhibiting almost all different types of culture and thought as only a really great and universal movement could command." As for himself, "the rebirth of Israel's national consciousness and the revival of Israel's religion or, to use a shorter term, the revival of Judaism are inseparable."

Thus, as the resolution of the board of directors of the World Council stated, the Conservative movement throughout the years has supported "every effort for the establishment of the state and for the advancement of its well-being." Formal affiliation was merely a "reaffirmation" of "our identification."

There were a number of attempts to bring the Conservative movement into organized Zionism. One of the most important of these was that made by the former president of the WZO, Dr. Nachum Goldmann.

But even if there had been the will to join the WZO formally — many, if not most of its members, were already members of the WZO through other organizations — there was no mechanism for them to do so as a united movement, as a single Conservative organism.

The World Council has now given it that mechanism. It will now establish itself as a council merely of congregations and become an umbrella organization both for congregations per se, for the various elements of the congregations such as the Women's League for Conservative Judaism and the Affiliation of Men's Clubs, and for the Rabbinical Assembly. Officers will now be chosen from these elements instead of from merely the congregational bodies alone, and especially the United Synagogue of America which, until now, has provided its president.

The fact that the Conservative rabbinate and movement in Israel was not accepted by the established Orthodox rabbinate, was uppermost in the minds of the Rabbinical Assembly, and this was reflected in the amendment it proposed to the World Council's resolution to affiliate with the WZO, and was adopted without dissent.

This "reaffirmed our commitment to the principle of the legitimacy of religious pluralism for all men, including the Jewish community in Israel," and "welcomed the tradition of the WZO which has always been hospitable to a variety of all political ideologies" and has had a "respect for differences."

It was clear to those at the welcoming ceremony, including the Israelis, what this meant, and no attempt was made to cross the t's and dot the i's.

Representation of the Conservative movement on the Zionist bodies will parallel that of the Reform movement which affiliated through the World Union for Progressive Judaism last year. Two representatives will sit on the executive of the WZO. There will be five delegates to the Zionist General Council and 15 delegates to the Zionist Congress.

Non-Orthodox Judaism is gradually establishing its roots in state of Israel

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

REHOVOT —

The recent Jerusalem meeting of Reform Jews from around the world was greeted by many of Israel's Orthodox leaders with a show of enthusiasm usually reserved for the appearances of Yasser Arafat and George Habash.

A typical comment came from She'arim, the Poalei Agudat Israel daily, which warned that Reform Judaism was only a way station on the road to total assimilation, "a threat to the future of the Jewish people."

Nechemia Meyers

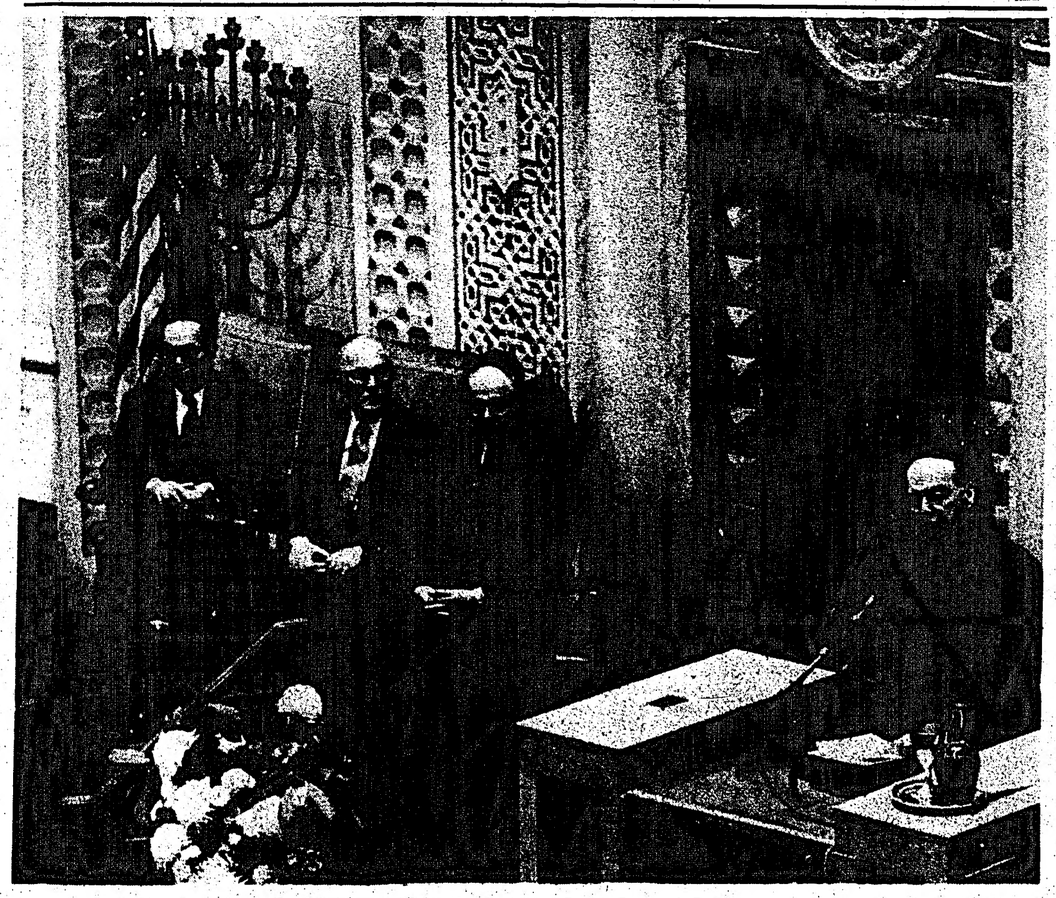
Yet despite the enmity of the Orthodox, non-Orthodox versions of Judaism are gradually establishing themselves in this country. Some 25 Conservative and Reform synagogues have already been organized and more are being created every year. Moreover, a few days ago the first Reform movement kibbutz, Yahel, was set up in the barren desert between Eilat and Beersheba.

Yahel, with a mixed Sabra-American population, represents not only a triumph over Orthodox hostility, but also a dramatic change in the ideology of Reform Judaism. When the Reform movement was established in Germany and the U.S. over 100 years ago, it stood for the absolute integration of Jews in the countries where they resided, and it violently opposed Zionism. But in the last decade this movement has joined the World Zionist Organization, moved its headquarters from New York to Jerusalem and actively encouraged its adherents to settle in Israel.

As more Reform and Conservative Jews come to live in this country, their rabbis will be in a stronger position to demand the status now denied them by the Orthodox-dominated chief rabbinate, in whose eyes they are impostors, and as such have no right to perform marriages, sanction divorces or carry out conversions. And while like all Israelis they serve in the army, Reform and Conservative rabbis are not allowed to function as chaplains.

It must be admitted that not only the Orthodox, but even the average, non-religious Israeli still finds certain aspects of Reform and Conservative Judaism rather strange. For example, Jews from the Afro-Asian countries or from Eastern Europe are not used to seeing men and women seated together in a synagogue, much less to having a woman in the pulpit. Be that as it may, a recent public opinion poll showed that a clear majority of citizens favor allowing Reform and Conservative rabbis to have the same rights as their Orthodox counterparts.

Whether they are granted these rights depends very much on the outcome of the 1977 elections. If a new government is subsequently formed without representatives of the National Religious Party, the Orthodox monopoly will probably be ended. But if the NRP holds the same pivotal position in the next Knesset that it holds in this one, the religious status-quo will remain enshrined for at least another four years.



A CARDINAL GOES TO SHUL

Cardinal Terence Cooke, Roman Catholic archbishop of New York, addresses congregation Sabbath service for the first time at the annual men's club service in New York's Park Avenue Synagogue. Listening to cardinal from left are: George M. Shapiro, chairman of the synagogue's board; Rabbi Judah Nadich, honored by Pope Pius XII for his service to Catholic military chaplains during World War II and Dr. Ernest Barash, president of Men's Club at Conservative synagogue. (Religious News Service photograph)

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN

HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM

A human rights program, sponsored by the Toronto Action Committee for Soviet Jewry, opens with a reception this Sunday, Dec. 12, at 8 p.m. at the Medical Sciences Building of the University of Toronto. There will be a display of art by three Soviet Jewish artists who will be at the reception, as well as the color film, **Out of Bondage**, music, poetry readings by Nathan Garnick and an address by David Godfrey, novelist and York University humanities lecturer. The art display continues through Monday and Tuesday with screenings of the film at 12:30 p.m.

LIFE IN POLAND

For a look at what was the largest Jewish community in Europe before it was destroyed, catch **Image Before My Eyes** this Wednesday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at Holy Blossom Temple. It is a photographic history of Jewish life in Poland from 1864 to 1939, presented by Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, an expert in the field of Jewish folklore.

HISTADRUT CAMPAIGN OPENS

Another pictorial event on Wednesday, the 15th, is the first-time-in-Canada showing of **The Israel Experience**, an audio-visual presentation capturing every facet of a visit to Israel. It is to be shown at the Chanukah evening and opening of the 1977 Israel Histadrut Campaign, sponsored by the Toronto Committee for Histadrut. Honorary guest will be Israel Consul General Shmuel Ovnat. It takes place at 8 p.m. at Beth Sholom Synagogue.

SPOTLIGHT ON GRANDPARENTS

A note from Prof. Benjamin Schlesinger of the University of Toronto school of social work informs us that during the months of January to March, 15 graduate students will be embarking on a research project dealing with grandparenthood. The idea is to find out about the role of grandparents in today's society — their relationships to, support of and influences on their grandchildren. The project would consist of one-hour interviews with each volunteer grandparent. If you would like to volunteer, just call him at 978-3264.

ISRAEL LECTURE SERIES

On Sunday, Dec. 12, B'nei Akiva, a religious Zionist youth movement, inaugurates a lecture series that will run every two weeks to June 14. It is called the Institute of Zionism and Eretz Israel and will cover 16 topics on Zionism, political history and modern Israel. The opening lecture, **Redemption and the Ingathering of the Exiles**, will be given by Beth Tikvah Rabbi Herbert Feder at 8:30 p.m. at Ulpanat Orot, 4445 Bathurst St.

CHANUKAH TIME

There are two Chanukah events for singles on the 12th — The Singles Swingles (ages 21-35) at Beth Sholom are having a dance with a light and sound show at 8....the Total Living group at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue have planned a drop-in night for socializing and dancing beginning at 8:30.

Then on Tuesday the 14th, a do-it-yourself workshop on **The Joy of Shabbat and Chanukah** has been arranged by Adath Israel Sisterhood for 8....That same evening at 8:30, the New Fraternal Jewish Association celebrates with an address by President Harry Binder, readings of Sholom Aleichem by Morley Pape, and the story of Chanukah by member Mania Lipshitz. It takes place at 120 Overbrook Place.

GIFT TIME

Looking for something different in a gift for the youngsters? Adena-Hanesse Chapter of Toronto Hadassah-WIZO is raising funds for Youth Aliyah through the sale of a children's record, **If Snowflakes Fell in Flavors**, with songs written by Sandy Offenheim. The children may know her songs from the Carl Banas Children's Hour or the Polka Dot Door or the Uncle Bobby Show. The numbers to call are 493-6933 or 223-5673.

A gift sale, complete with boutiques and crafts is being run by Beth Tikvah Sisterhood on Tuesday, the 14th, from 1-10 p.m. There's babysitting from 1-4 p.m.

Everybody at ORT Place is wearing the "5737" necklace (our Hebrew year). Crafted by an Israeli artist exclusively for ORT, it is made in gold plate, sterling silver or 10K and 14K gold. Sisterhoods and other organizations may be interested in it as a fund-raising project. Call Edie Glazer at 492-1324.

LZA SINGLES DANCES

Labor Zionist Alliance singles groups have planned two dances at the LZA centre this weekend — The Odd Singles (24-39) and the Mid Singles (31-43) are getting together for a Saturday spree on the 11th. There's an early bird discount if you get there between 8:30 and 9 p.m.

University Students and Graduates branch will be dancing on Sunday, the 12th, from 8:30 p.m. on.

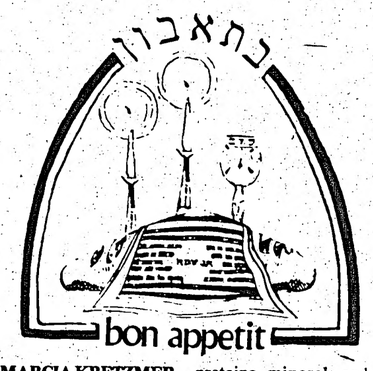
DEADLINE CHANGES

Please make a note of these holiday deadline changes. (They are really not as complicated as they sound). Since there will be no Dec. 24 issue, all events up to Dec. 31, will have to appear in the Dec. 17 columns, which means the deadline is noon, Friday, Dec. 10....For the Dec. 31 issue, I will be at my desk Friday, the 17th, and Monday, the 20th, with the deadline noon on the 20th....For the Jan. 7 paper, I will be here on Wednesday and Thursday, the 29th and 30th, with the deadline noon on the 30th.

STUDY WITH THE RABBI

A shir (study session) for women, with Rabbi Gedalia Felder, is held every Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. at Shomer Shabbas Synagogue. Babysitting is available.

Brown rice is richer in proteins, minerals than earthy white rice



By MARCIA KRETZMER

JERUSALEM —

Beriberi is a vitamin deficiency disease which resulted from the removal of the outer husks of rice, in countries where rice is a staple food.

In the West, where vitamins, minerals and proteins are derived from a variety of sources, eating ordinary, commercial, polished rice or other refined grains, will not result in anything of the kind. Nevertheless, it is interesting to compare the nutritional value of unpolished or brown rice, as against white rice.

Brown rice is richer in proteins, minerals and vitamins — especially the important B vitamins — than white rice. Brown rice combined with beans, milk or cheese can furnish you with approximately 25% of your daily protein allowance, in one average serving. It can be made even more nutritious by adding strips of cooked omelette or nuts.

This may not sound terribly praise-worthy, but few people, and especially not children, eat food just because it is good for them. But brown rice happens to be absolutely delicious. It has a wholesome, nutty flavor and a chewy texture, which bears very little resemblance to ordinary white rice. Rice in its natural state also has the advantage of roughage, which is lost in the polishing process.

Of course, white rice is essential for some dishes. It is more delicate, less coarse and earthy in texture. Although rice consumed in its natural state was once the rule in the countries which created the great rice dishes, it is difficult today to imagine a Persian rice pillau or an Indian Biriani, made with anything other than fine, polished, long-grain rice, of milky whiteness.

Still, brown rice has its place and its uses, and can make an elegant appearance on the dining table, as well as a hearty and nutritious meal for the family.

Here is a recipe for a brown rice dish which can be served with a plain, well-flavored meat or poultry course. I found it especially effective with brown, casseroled turkey meat, or hamburgers in a sauce.

Borwn rice takes longer to cook than white rice, and goes into a stodge, if disturbed too much during cooking. Use plenty of water, cook on a very low light, and resist the temptation to stir. If you must stir, use a chopstick. It is worth soaking the rice before cooking, for best results.

While all these instructions may sound daunting, remember that you can always cook double the quantity and save on preparation time.

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Brown Rice with Mushrooms

2 cups brown rice, soaked 30 minutes in cold water
1 large onion, sliced
2 fat cloves garlic, chopped
1 cup sliced mushrooms
1 tbls. margarine
2 tbls. oil
salt, freshly ground black pepper
1 heaped tsp. turmeric
5 cups boiling water
1 tbls. chicken soup powder

1. fry onions and garlic in the oil and margarine until soft but not colored, add drained rice and stir-fry for a minute or so over high heat.

2. add mushrooms and continue stir-frying till mushrooms soften. Then turn down heat and sprinkle rice with salt, pepper and turmeric, and stir. Add boiling water in which soup powder has been dissolved. Return to the boil then cook very slowly, covered, until water is absorbed and rice is tender but chewy. More water may be added if necessary. Serves 4–6.

Karl Bald (left) takes time out to chat with Jack Chisvin at a meeting of Toronto UJA chairmen. Bald and Chisvin head up the business department and professions department, respectively. (Graphic Artists photo)

Guide to nominal giving is seen as 'most useful tool'

TORONTO —

The guide to nominal giving, an innovation of the 1977 United Jewish Appeal-Israel Special Fund campaign, is seen as "a most useful tool" and one that is constantly referred to by Karl Bald and Jack Chisvin. Bald and Chisvin head the business department and professions department, respectively.

Both chairmen can boast of long-time UJA involvement, having come up through the canvasser ranks to the top positions they now hold. Bald, who is in the cutlery importing business, was general mercantile chairman last year, and just prior to that, headed the hardware and housewares group.

"I see the guide as a very positive adjunct to the campaign," he commented in an interview. "It gives people a minimum standard to go by, and I hope that is how it will be used — as a 'minimum' guide by our contributors."

His wife Renee is a canvasser in the Women's Division. Bald is vice-president of Holy Blossom Temple and Oakdale Golf and Country Club. The Balds have five children.

From canvasser in the construction division to chairman of construction and heavy industry, to his 1977 appointment, Chisvin has had more than 20 years of continual involvement in UJA.

Born in Winnipeg, he is a senior partner in The ECE Group, a firm of consulting engineers. A soft-spoken, methodical man, Chisvin said he supported the concept of the guide when it was first brought up in committee.

"It's given people something to think about and I believe its general acceptance will be a slow educational process. All my chairmen subscribe to it and I'm sure they feel as I do that the guide is necessary and helps to put everything into perspective."

...about people

Flowers for the Holiday

Berta Ovnat's original pen and ink drawing, **Flowers for the Holiday**, created especially for Pioneer Women, so delighted the members of the organization, they wanted to share it with everyone else. They reproduced it on the cards they sell as hasty notes, and on their invitations as well. And for those who don't already know, the artist is the Chicago-born wife of Israel Consul General Shmuel Ovnat.

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The **Kideckel Family Club** celebrated its 25th anniversary at a huge "do" at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue recently. But the story really stems back to 1904 and the arrival of **Israel and Minnie Kideckel** to Canada and their pioneering of Ontario's northland. In the 25 years since the club was formed, it has grown to include children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. More than 100 well-wishers joined the 66 family members who turned up from various cities across Canada and the U.S., along with a long lost cousin, a recent arrival from Russia, who now resides in Israel. To mark the anniversary, the family purchased a grove of trees in Canada Forest in Israel to be known as Kideckel Grove, and also contributed $1,000 to Baycrest Centre.

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About 200 friends, colleagues and family turned out to honor Jewish Vocational Services associate director **Bernard Berger** last week, on the occasion of his 25th anniversary with the organization. Tribute was paid him at the affair at Baycrest Terrace by the director of the agency, Milton Friedman, his fellow workers, and the Canadian Council of Rehabilitation Workshops of which he was the founding president. And along with the tributes, came a family portrait from the JVS board, luggage from the staff, and a gavel from the Council.

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Freelance photographer **Gadi Hoz**, who completed a three-year diploma course at Ryerson in 1969, returned this year for a full degree (while running his studio and doing freelance work besides). He now has a bachelor of applied arts degree in still photography. Gadi tells us that one of his major subjects was to teach photography at the adolescent unit at Queen Street Mental Health Centre.

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The singing rabbi, **Shlomo Carlebach**, goes on stage at the University of Guelph this Thursday, Dec. 16, at 8 p.m. The concert is sponsored by the university's Shalom Organization, and the Jewish Student Federation at the University of Waterloo.

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Rhea Shulman, executive director of the Centre for Creative Living, was elected president of the Senior Citizens Centres Association of Ontario at the recent association conference at Geneva Park. SCCAO, with a membership of 41 senior centres throughout the province, was created five years ago under the patronage of the Senior Citizens Branch of the Ministry of Social Services. Its primary function, says Mrs. Shulman, "is to develop standards of good service for senior centres, and that concerns the quality of personnel involved as well as setting standards for the services and programs that are offered."

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Tory's 'whiz-kid' Hugh Segal is dazzled by game of politics

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hugh Segal, Premier William Davis' legislative secretary, at work in his office. (David Groskind photo)

TORONTO —

For one so young, Hugh David Segal has been remarkably successful. At the age of 26, Segal, whom one political reporter dubbed "the Tory whiz kid", has already filled several important posts within the federal and provincial branches of the Progressive Conservative Party.

Currently Premier William Davis' legislative secretary, Segal has been vice-president of the PC Youth Federation of Canada, legislative assistant to the former leader of the Opposition, Robert Stanfield, director of the party's communications apparatus — and an unsuccessful candidate in two federal constituency races in Ottawa.

Hugh David Segal is considered an important personality, one of the bright young men of the Conservative Party. As Robert Williamson, The Globe and Mail's Queen's Park reporter, put it: "His advice is trusted and respected by Conservatives here and in Ottawa."

A big, hefty, articulate man, Segal attributes his success to several factors — good luck, great contacts and an early start in the political game. "A lot of people don't go into politics until at least their mid-30s," he said, adding that he was dazzled by it when he was already in his teens.

At one point in his precocious life, the Montreal-born Segal thought of becoming a rabbi. But he opted for politics because he thought he could make a bigger contribution to society. "Politics is a mechanism by which certain inequities and injustices can be remedied," he said the other afternoon in his airy office. "I'm not sure who the underdog is, but I'm genuinely committed to assisting those in the political process whose commitments are sincere. And I really am doing it because I like it. I'm not hiding behind altruism."

Though at times he sounds like a flaming red Tory, Segal is really a right-wing Conservative. At the PC leadership convention, he supported Quebecker Claude Wagner over the eventual victor, Joe Clark. "I thought Wagner was first-rate. If he had won, I would have served him in Ottawa. I believed in his decency, humanity and capacity to lead."

Segal, who joined Davis' staff during the last provincial election, claims he was not exiled to Toronto because his man lost. He says that Clark offered him a job but he turned it down because the "real challenge" for the PC party is in Ontario rather than in Ottawa. (However, according to a recent Weekend Magazine report by an ex-Clark aide, Segal wrote the well-received speech the PC leader delivered to the Canada-Israel Committee annual meeting last June. Segal denied the report.)

Regaining a majority in Canada's most populous province takes precedence over winning in Ottawa, he suggested. And Segal is confident the party will do well in the next election. He bases his opinion on his perception that the Liberal Party no longer commands a distinct point of view and that the NDP's appeal to the electorate has peaked.

As the premier's legislative secretary, Segal is responsible for preparing and developing bills, coordinating ministerial activity in the Legislature, writing Davis' speeches and counselling him on rule and regulation changes in government.

Having worked for Davis for just over a year now, Segal — who reportedly is known for his irreverent imitations of his boss' convoluted speaking style — says he is "a very human guy, exceptionally sensitive to people and their problems, and fallible. He has gut reactions, which I find refreshing."

A University of Ottawa graduate in political science and history, Segal's personal background suggests that he is an improbable Conservative. For his grandfather, Benjamin, was a socialist and his father, Morris, was a Liberal.

Why, then, did he choose to be a Conservative? For one thing, he was impressed by John Diefenbaker. "He really did symbolize the reaching out to the little people," he said. "And when I was young, I looked for purity of thought and dynamism. Today, subtle qualities such as compassion and an ability to compromise are important."

He rejected the NDP because he thought it was too steeped in ideology, and the Liberals because he felt they were elitists. "I sensed that the Conservatives had a gut respect for cultural and ethnic differences," explained Segal, who is married to an Anglican, Donna Armstrong of Kingston.

In formulating his brand of Conservatism, Segal says he was influenced by mainly two men of the past — former Canadian prime Minister Arthur Meighen and Benjamin Disraeli. Meighen taught him the importance of what he calls a "structured approach to politics", while Disraeli infused him with the imperative that freedom and order must be balanced in a stable society.

After the next provincial election, Segal says he will go back to school to do an MA in international affairs. But that doesn't mean he's finished with politics. In the opinion of those who know him, a place will always be open to him in the ranks of the Conservative Party.

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Michael Levison, a professor in the computing and information science department at Queen's University, said there are no plans to erect a building or find a rabbi. "It's more important just to get people together for prayer and teaching," he told the Kingston Whig Standard.

In the case of a wedding or funeral, a rabbi from Toronto will be hired, Levison said. Members conduct services every Friday night at Queens' Watson Hall.

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By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Vayishlach/First Chanukah Candle, Thursday Night

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There are no 40 proof neshamas — every Jewish spirit is hot stuff....

When the brilliant gaon, Reb Tzvi Ornstein, moved from Lemberg, Galicia to become chief rabbi of Brisk, Lithuania, he made an open house for his new congregation. One **chuzpadik** Jew poured himself a **schnops**, but was unhappy at the small size of the glass.

"Rebbitzen," he shouted, "you could have left these glasses back in Galicia."

The rabbi tapped him on the shoulder. "I have to thank you. The Torah says that the night before Jacob was supposed to confront his evil brother Esau, he suddenly crossed back over the river to get some — **pachim k'taneem** — little cups....I never understood why such a tzadik made a fuss about a few cents worth of pottery. But now I understand....

....he figures that Esau had henchmen like you, and if he didn't get small glasses, they would drink him right out of his tent and back to Galicia...." (Fun Unzer Alter Oitzer)

But how do you drink **l'chayim** to King Kong — or anti-Semites who are out to besmirch our people? Consider....when Jacob wrestled with Esau's guardian angel, he suddenly blessed him — "**lo Yaakov yikarai od shimcha** — Your name will no longer be called Jacob, but Israel...." Jacob was stunned — "All this time he was trying to give me karate chops, and now he suddenly blesses me?"

But the Ribono shel Olam sighed. "It's not such a blessing. When a Gentile gets his name in the paper for committing a crime, that's that — **nisht gerfaileck**...But let a Yankel, or a Moishe or a Goldberg get caught, then it's not just they who are blamed — **kee Yisrael yihiyeh shmecha** — Israel is your name....All Jews get mud thrown at them when one Jew goes bad...." (Mataih Yehudah)

Every Jew is G-d's governor general — the worst sin is to make a **Chillul Hashem** by unethical behavior, even when it's legal....

Of course, everyone has problems....A Jew who liked his liquor explained that he drank to drown his troubles.

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He shook his head. "You don't know my troubles. They're great swimmers — after I drown them, they swim right up again..."

Esau can look like Charley's Angels — he can wink us into destruction. It's weird....didn't our rabbis teach — when Esau wrestled with Jacob, first he kicked dust in his eyes....then he crushed him in his arms....But between you and me — what was Esau, the Sheik? Why such mixed up tactics?

Ah, but it teaches....when the Esaus set out to make us disappear, first they try by kicking dirt in our eyes....wiping us away in inquisitions and gas chambers. But when they see that **z'helft gurnisht**, they try to crush us with friendship, spend millions on movies to convert our children, or dangle the carrot of theological dialogues — aimed at wresting us away from our Covenant with G-d....(Hatam Sofer)

But Esau stays Esau.

A priest argued with Yonatan Aibschitz. "You Jews have a law that you always follow the majority in deciding disputes. We are the majority — why don't you follow us?"

The rabbi smiled. "We only follow the majority when there's a doubt. But when we're certain — G-d and one is a majority."

Please note our current Sparks From the Torah TV schedule: Metro Cable - alternate Mondays at 9 p.m. and Tuesdays at 8 p.m.; Willowdowns Cable - Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m.; York and Keeble - Thursdays at 10 p.m.

Leaving the weighty cares of office behind, Israel Premier Yitzhak Rabin recently spent several hours with youth studying Torah and technology at Boys Town in Jerusalem. Looking on is Boys Town President Ira Guilden (left) and Israel Minister of Religious Affairs Dr. Yitzhak Raphael. (Boys Town photograph)

Chassidic spiritual head coming to Toronto for visit

TORONTO — The Bobover Rebbe, Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, will arrive here on Dec. 12, to visit and spend time with the local Bobover Chassidim and numerous friends. Rabbi Halberstam, who is a descendant of the founder of the famous Chassidic dynasty of Zanz, Rabbi Chayim Halberstam, will arrive at 10:30 a.m. at Terminal 1. His well wishers have organized a festive ceremony of welcome at the airport.

The Bobover Rebbe is the spiritual head of thousands of Chassidim the world over. He has established schools and institutions in Brooklyn, in England and, in Israel, in Kiryat Bobov, as well as in Jerusalem and in B'nai Brak. Near Bat Yam, Kiryat Bobov has integrated into the Chassidic Movement all segments of Israeli society, including Sephardic Jews and recent Russian immigrants.

Rabbi Halberstam is the son of the famous Bobover Rebbe, Rabbi Ben Zion Halberstam, who resided in the Galician town of Bobov until the outbreak of World War II. The Germans, in the war, shattered the many institutions and schools and caused the death of Rabbi Ben Zion Halberstam, many Chassidim and the dispersion of many of them to all parts of the world. Miraculously, Rabbi Shlomo Halberstam, often posing as a German, was able to help rescue other Jews and to escape via Hungary and Rumania.

When he landed in America, in 1945, with only a handful of remaining students, he immediately re-established the yeshiva which he renamed in memory of his father as the B'nai Zion Yeshiva. Starting on the West Side of Manhattan, in a small brownstone house, the community has since grown and moved to Crown Heights and then to Borough Park.

At the urging of his Chassidim in Toronto, many of whom he helped re-establish and many of whom he personally taught, he has come to be with them for a few days for what they call "Chizuk" — strengthening their faith.

The Bobover Rebbe

Israel should have annexed occupied territories: Protestant

TORONTO (Staff) — Dr. G. Douglas Young, the Canadian founder of Jerusalem's Institute of Holy Land Studies, says Israel should have annexed the occupied Arab territories immediately after the Six Day War.

An evangelical Protestant who has lived in Jerusalem with his wife for the last 13 years, Young suggested that such a move would have dispelled doubts in the minds of the Arabs that Israel is paralyzed by indecision. He said a strong, determined Israel was a deterrent force against what he called Arab aggression.

In a recent interview, he also urged the Israeli government to be tougher on missionaries, expressed sympathy with the aims of Gush Emunim and predicted war between the Arabs and Israelis once the Lebanese crisis was solved.

He was in Toronto on one of his periodic trips to North America. This time around, he was here to raise money — up to $50,000 — for a Canadian scholarship fund designed to attract more students from Canada.

The Institute on Mount Zion, which Young founded in 1958, is being renovated to provide adequate quarters to house, feed and instruct 100 students or more. Forty percent of the students eventually go into the clergy and most of the rest become educators. The courses at the Institute, taught by members of the faculties of the Hebrew University and Tel Aviv University, embrace Christian origins, Christian-Jewish-Arab relations, church history of the Middle East, Old and New Testament, geography, archaeology and Hebrew.

Despite his parents' missionary background and his own evangelical Christian faith, he is an opponent of proselytizing efforts. "We're not a mission," he says flatly of his Institute of Holy Land Studies. To underline that fact, no Jews are admitted to the Institute as students.

He says that while Christianity "hasn't given up proselytizing, it isn't working on it as hard as before because it's been ineffective." Young urges the Israeli government to crack down on Christian "tourists" who go to the Jewish state for the express purpose of converting Jews.

Speaking of Christian attitudes toward Israel, the 66-year-old academic — who often speaks for Israel before non-Jewish groups — made a distinction between traditional Protestants and modern ones.

He claims conservative Protestants empathize with Israel for biblical reasons. "You read the Bible and you see Abraham's descendants coming back to Israel from all over the world and it's exciting. But if you get a Protestant scholar who thinks the Old Testament is just myths and legends, why those people are neither interested in the Bible or Israel, except for those who have high humanitarian motives."

Young's view of the Arab-Israeli dispute would probably gladden the heart of any right-winger. He believes the Arab states intend to destroy Israel, and as a Christian Zionist, he wants his voice to be heard. "I don't want to be charged with being silent," he said.

Although he thinks Gush Emunim is defying the law in setting up settlements on the West Bank, he is in basic sympathy with their objectives. "I don't fault them for their Orthodoxy or beliefs, but when it comes to disobeying the law, then that's an entirely different matter," he observed. "I can't buy Meir Kahane or Rabbi Moshe Levinger (who support the settlement plan). They're a little extreme."

Correction

In the page 7 story in the Dec. 3 edition on the Rothschilds' Bonds dinner, it was reported Dr. Yehuda Shields and Chil Elbaum received awards for their efforts on behalf of Israel. That was incorrect. They received the awards on behalf of Clanton Park Synagogue and Torah Emeth respectively.

Memorial grove dedicated to Peirez

JERUSALEM — The Lawrence Peirez Memorial Grove — some 1,000 trees planted on a hillside overlooking Jerusalem — was dedicated last week by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in memory of the ADL leader.

Peirez, who died Oct. 15 at age 61, was chairman of ADL's national civil rights committee, a member of the League's national commission, and international vice-president of B'nai B'rith.

The League's national commission, the agency's policy-making body, was in Israel for week-long sessions in conjunction with its 63rd annual meeting.

The grove honoring Peirez is in an area of the Jerusalem Forest designated as the Bicentennial Year Region and commemorating 200 years of American democracy.

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Mikhail and Alla Brat, Soviet musicians in Hamilton.

Soviet musicians at success' door after their debuts

By MOURA WOLPERT
HAMILTON —

Only six months after their arrival in Canada, concert violinist Mikhail Brat and his wife Alla, a pianist and teacher, appear to be on the threshold of success.

No doubt an energetic impresario would be useful but for the moment they are happy just to be here and to have found work: he with the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra and she as a teacher. But more important, they have already made their debut — together in a recital at the Beverley Golf and Country Club last summer and he as soloist in the Beethoven Concerto in a recent concert of the McMaster Symphony Orchestra under Lee Hepner.

They were heard at Temple Anshe Sholom in a special evening, recently, of music and art presented by the temple's fine arts committee.

The Brats chose Canada because "Israel is already full with musicians." Also, they frankly admit they were frightened of the constant threat of war and terrorism in Israel. Neither has brothers or sisters and their 10-year-old son Sasha is their only child.

Mikhail's parents, both retired music teachers, are waiting to hear from their son that he can support them, before applying for permission to emigrate while Alla's parents — her father is a well-known engineer and was assistant to the chief of the port of Odessa — recently succeeded in leaving the Soviet Union and are now in Rome, hoping to join them soon. (He lost his job immediately after applying for a visa and when he asked for work after several months, was told he would get a job if he would sign a statement renouncing his daughter).

'There is no future for Jewish children in Soviet Union'

As musicians the Brats could have had a reasonably good life in Russia but as Jews they found it impossible to live under the constantly growing anti-Semitism, ranging from "friendly advice" of "well-meaning" colleagues to move to Israel because it would be "so much nicer for them there," to having their son come home from school, where he was the only Jewish child, with complaints of having been called "Zhyd", as well as the barely concealed official anti-Semitism.

There is no future for Jewish children in the Soviet Union. "We already have our education," Mrs. Brat explained, "but for Sasha it will be impossible." Higher education for Jewish children has become almost impossible to obtain.

They are a handsome couple in their 30s, still struggling with the English language but cheerful and confident that life in Canada will be good. Both are from Odessa, where they received their musical education. After graduating from the Odessa conservatory, Mikhail continued his studies at the famous Leningrad conservatory under Mikhail Viaman and was later sent to Lvov to appear with the local symphony and to teach at the conservatory, where his wife also taught.

Among the few possessions they were able to bring are a gleaming and unusually elegant piano ("but not very good because it is Russian") and Mikhail's French violin, which he was allowed to take because it is not as valuable as an Italian instrument. To show they were indeed well-known musicians, there is a pile of neatly folded concert posters but the newspaper clippings of reviews that would have testified to their ability and talent had to be left behind. The authorities feared the print might contain messages in code!

Dollars-For-David

Sharing Chanukah with Israeli kids

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO —

Three years ago, with the Yom Kippur War barely over, Goldie Burstein stood in the kitchen of her Toronto home preparing for her family Chanukah party. It was at that time that she thought how much more meaningful it would be for her family and, indeed, all Toronto Jewish families, if they could share the blessings they had here with the children in Israel.

Her idea took root and blossomed into the Dollars-For-David project. Now in its fourth year, Dollars-For-David has not only become an integral part of Chanukah for many Toronto families, but also has spread to many other communities across Canada.

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Since its inception, envelopes (orange, for the color of the light of the Chanukah-candles) have been made available for those who wish to share their Chanukah joy with a child in Israel. As in previous years, in this issue of the Canadian Jewish News, there are Dollars-For-David envelopes.

The willingness to show Israeli children, who have lost their fathers in battle or who come from families with extensive economic burdens, that there are people who are deeply concerned that they have a happy Chanukah, has been amply displayed by Canadians. Contributions have come from non-Jews as well as Jews and from great-grandparents to their great-grandchildren.

One grandmother in Toronto who wants to get across the concept of family responsibility to help children in Israel, invites her children and grandchildren over for a Chanukah party each year and tells them that the latkes are for them but the Chanukah gelt they are going to send, as a family, to "David" in Israel.

For most Toronto Hebrew day schools and after hours' schools, Dollars-For-David has become a yearly project. Some teachers have explained to their students that they prefer to have a contribution made in their name to Dollars-For-David than to receive a Chanukah gift.

As a result of these forms of personal involvement, explained Malka Mirsky, president of the Toronto Council of Pioneer Women under whose auspices the Dollars-For-David project is run, a bridge is built between Canadian children and the children of Israel.

Through the project, a definite effort is made by the Pioneer Women to reach children in out-of-the-way places in Israel. For example, in moshav Chatzeva, which is located in the Arava near the Jordanian border, there are 70 families with 190 children. The average age of the children is four years old. In Kiryat Shemonah, located on Israel's northern border, there are 16,000 families with approximately 7,000 children, some of whom have 10 or 11 brothers and sisters. To places like these, books, toys and various educational games are sent as a result of the Dollars-For-David project.

Tillie Margolis, immediate past president of the Toronto Council of Pioneer Women and associated with the Dollars-For-David project since its inception, summed up the feeling behind the project by stating: "We all, including the children here, have more worldly goods than we have use for. Chanukah gelt is often frittered away and gifts are often duplicates of what the children already have. But if these children and their families can share something with a less fortunate child, it gives them a feeling of usefulness as well as a realization of how fortunate we are."

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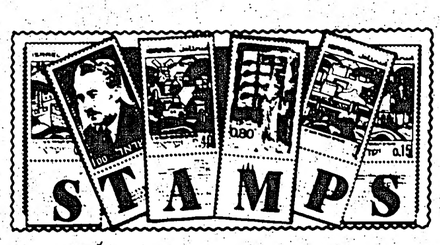

By CHAIM YEHUDA

Series II of the gates of Jerusalem issue were released on April 17, 1972 to commemorate the 24th Independence Day.

These stamps are multi-colored, with gold as the predominant color of the gates against a solid background of red and green. The stamps were printed by the photogravure process by the government printers, and comb-perforate 14 as in the previous year; other specifications such as the designer were also the same as Series I.

The IL. 0.15 stamp shows the Lion's Gate, which is the only opening in Jerusalem's eastern ramparts. The Philatelic Services describe that "its double-arched entry, with decorative stone medallions and fluted niches on either side, has a small tower...and is flanked by two paire of panthers..."

The IL. 0.18 value depicts the most beautifully-ornamented of the gates, the Golden Gate. This gate was possibly built in the fifth century "by the Byzantine Empress, Eudoxia, who did so much to develop and expand Jerusalem" according to the Philatelic Services. They describe this gate as "composed of a double-arched portal, now solidly sealed by stone masonry; an elaborate, twin-domed vestibule and an enclosed courtyard, the entire complex projects on the Temple Mount."

The next stamp, for IL. 0.45 reveals the Dung Gate, the smallest of the gates, which as the name implies, was used for the disposal of refuse.

The high value for IL. 0.55 shows the Zion Gate in Jerusalem's southern wall, which faces Mount Zion. This gate is described by the Philatelic Services as "decorated with fluted arches above the door and embrasures, ...also has richly designed medallions and carved stone fragments set into the wall on either side of the entry." Closed for 19 years after 1948, the Zion Gate now stands open since June 1967, welcoming all to the Holy City.

This set of stamps should probably cost a little over $1 mint with tabs and the souvenir sheet consisting of these four stamps, se-tenant, about $2.

Creator of MiG is dead

LONDON [JCNS] —

Mikhail Gurevich, the Jewish designer of the Soviet MiG fighter plane, who has died in Moscow aged 84, made a noteworthy contribution not only to the Soviet victory over Nazi Germany, but also to Israel's enemies in their "War of Attrition" against the state and during the Yom Kippur War.

During the Second World War, Gurevich was deputy chief designer at the Soviet Ministry of Aircraft Production. Born in the Kurak region, he studied in France, returned to the Soviet Union after the October Revolution and after several years spent in heavy engineering, he specialized in aircraft design.

In 1929, he became a deputy chief of a leading Moscow aircraft factory and created the first MiG fighter plane. The name of the aircraft is a combination of the initials Mikoyan and Gurevich. The late Artem Mikoyan, who collaborated with Gurevich in the MiG project, was the younger brother of the Soviet leader Anastas Mikoyan.

There is no record that Gurevich suffered discrimination during the anti-Semitic campaign of Stalin's last years. The importance of his work was probably a factor in enabling him to avoid harassment, writes the JCNS Soviet Affairs correspondent.

During the war, Gurevich designed the MiG-3, which proved to be a match for the Nazi Messerschmidt fighter planes. In 1949, he designed the first Soviet jet fighter — the MiG-15, which was followed by the much-improved MiG-17.

In 1955, Gurevich created the first Soviet supersonic fighter plane — the MiG-19. Two years later, at the age of 54, he was appointed chief designer of the Soviet military aircraft production, a position he held until 1964.

Lament for Jew: 'I just thank God he's alive'

TORONTO [Staff] —

Boris Levitas is a Refusenik. The 22-year-old Kiev student has no apartment, no livelihood, no passport, no identification. He does have a family waiting anxiously in Israel for their son's release.

It's a melodramatic case, but real anguish for families of Soviet Jews denied exit visas. Their only recourse is to press government channels and publicize the plight of the Refusenik, frequently to no avail.

Sophie Seltzer, Levitas' cousin here, is involved in that struggle. "It's like hitting your head against the wall," she says of the attempts to free Boris, "and you have to want to do it, again and again, or we'll never hear from him."

Boris' parents from Petah Tikva — Israel, a frail, ailing man, and Dena, an aeronautical engineer — joined well-wishers at the Western Wall in a two-day hunger strike at the end of last month, but still there has been no word.

The Ukrainian youth was detained on the pretext he had access to military secrets, says Mrs. Seltzer, and was prevented from emigrating to Israel with his parents, brother and sister, in 1973. He was expelled from the Kiev Institute of Construction Engineering and relies on other activists for support.

Legally an Israeli citizen since 1974, Boris has been threatened with conscription by Kiev authorities and the KGB. He has been sustained, says his Toronto cousin, by a newly-found religious faith and studies Hebrew and customs through underground connections, and smuggled books.

Mrs. Seltzer, who has never seen her young cousin, has been personally, deeply moved and affected by his story and has written all levels of the Canadian government to lobby on his behalf.

She says the Helsinki accord now gives governments the legal grounds to censure the Soviets, and to pressure the USSR to allow families to be rejoined for humanitarian reasons. Although his case has not been raised in Parliament, a U.S. Congressman has publicly raised the issue, a fact which Mrs. Seltzer says may have prolonged his safety.

"You can't really realize what it's like to live in a totalitarian state," she adds, her voice straining. "I've told and retold the story. I'm hoping enough pressure will be brought to bear for his release. I just thank God he's still alive."

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This 1903 family portrait is an illustration of The Camera of My Family by Catherine Hanf Noren, a 100-year album of the German Jewish family just published.

Genealogy much more than names or dates; it's discovery of past

By KEN WYMAN

TORONTO —
The destruction of documents in Europe, resulting from war, fire, rot, and sheer malevolence, has made it virtually impossible for Jews to trace the roots of their family trees. Or has it?

Catherine Hanf Noren, who recently published a documentary album about her ancestors, titled **The Camera of My Family**, knew nothing at all about her own history before she began to dig for it. In fact, she did not even know she was Jewish until she was in college.

Today she proudly points to a family heritage stretching back over 400 years, to 1570 — 14 generations of German Jews.

She became something of an expert at amateur genealogy during the five years she spent searching for her roots, and she passed along some of the tricks when she was in Toronto last week to speak at Hillel House, as part of a B'nai B'rith lecture tour.

"Genealogy is much more than names and dates," Noren pointed out. "It's finding the flesh on all these people. Discovering their lives."

She spoke of her joy in realizing that her great-grandmother had been a romantic young teenager once; discovering a great-aunt she'd never heard of, who could have been mistaken for her twin sister, so startlingly similar was their appearance.

"Start small," she advised her audience. "Begin with people close to you. Prompt them. Talk about specific occasions. Have them carefully explain any old photographs you can find. They may not remember the occasion at all, but if you ask about a dress in the picture, or ivy on a wall in the background, it may all come flooding back."

She advised using a tape-recorder, since she had found it less intimidating than taking notes, and more valuable as a permanent record. Ask about names, dates, and addresses, too, she recommended.

Libraries are a surprisingly good place to start. They have microfilm files of hundreds of newspapers from around the world, which may contain obituaries, birth and wedding notices, or background information, if you can pinpoint a specific year.

Libraries also have back issues of city directories, she said, recalling how she found a long lost cousin in Holland, after someone recalled that he had been "some sort of a civil servant. I guessed he would have lived near the seat of government. I got directories for Amsterdam and the Hague — and there he was."

Government archives are also invaluable, according to Ms. Noren. They contain birth, wedding, and death certificates, immigration papers, military documents, and peculiarly catalogued information.

Consulates and embassies are often helpful in getting information, if you carefully explain the circumstances, she said. But they can be officious. The government in Prague would not release important documents about her grandfather until her grandmother authorized them to do so.

In Russia, documents are available, but only if you know specifically what you want and where it is. They will not search for you. She recommends working through the Canadian or American embassy in Moscow, by way of Ottawa or Washington, rather than writing directly to the Russians themselves.

Photographic archives can be another important tool. Trying to piece together her great-great-grandfather's life from a single photo of him in uniform, Ms. Noren went to an archive of military photographs in New York. Noting that many of the East European pictures had been donated by one man, she asked the librarian for his address, and approached him politely. "He was delighted to help," she explained.

Write to every relative, no matter how distant. Ask for help. Visit them, chat, ask if you can search their houses. Long forgotten scraps turn up that may put another piece in the puzzle.

Don't be afraid to turn to the experts for help — or to other amateur genealogists. In the United States, Ms. Noren said, genealogy has grown to be the third most popular hobby, right after coin and stamp collecting.

But you may find unexpected skeletons, too. Ms. Noren had long known that her family were experts in German folk art during the 30s, before they fled from the Nazis. She had a lovely piece of fabric, hand printed in a traditional design by her father, on a couch in her apartment.

Recently she came across an old photo. The background is unmistakably the same material. In the foreground is Adolph Hitler, laughing.

10th 'Jewish Olympics'

Maccabiah set for July

TORONTO —
The 10th Maccabiah Games will be held in Israel in July, 1977.

Frequently referred to as the "Jewish Olympics" the Games bring together Jewish athletes from all corners of the world. These games are, next to the Olympics, the most world-spanning, multi-sport competition in the world. The Maccabiah Games have no geographical or political limitations and, therefore, technically every country in the world is eligible.

The central point is Tel Aviv with its 70,000 seat Ramat Gan Stadium. The permanent athletes village, the Maccabiah Village, serves as a hotel and recreation club between games. In the past the Maccabiah Games has played host to some of the greatest athletes in the world such as swimmer Mark Spitz, tennis player Tom Okker and Canada's Abby Hoffman.

It is expected that the 1977 Canadian Maccabiah team will be approximately 100 athletes. In 1973 Canada was represented by 70 athletes. In 1973, 27 countries and just over 2,000 athletes competed. In 1977, 35 countries are expected and approximately 3,000 athletes.

For the 1977 Games, badminton, karate and squash have been added to bring the total number of sports to 24.

Standards for Canadian athletes have been established by the co-chairmen of the National Selection Committee and the co-captains of the Canadian Team, Ruby Richman of Toronto and Joey Richman of Montreal.

The "Richman Boys" are not related. Joey, who hails from Montreal, is a former Montreal Alouette football player who became involved with the Maccabiah Games in 1950. Ruby is from Toronto and is a former Olympic and Maccabiah basketball player and coach. He became involved with the Maccabiah Games in 1957.

They are scouring the countryside for Jewish athletes to represent Canada in 1977.

Ruby Richman says "there is a real lack of Jewish athletes in Canada. I don't know if it's affluence, a lack of dedication to education — but the number of young athletes trying for positions on our teams has dwindled. It has become so bad that in some sports, Canada does not compete because of the limited number of athletes".

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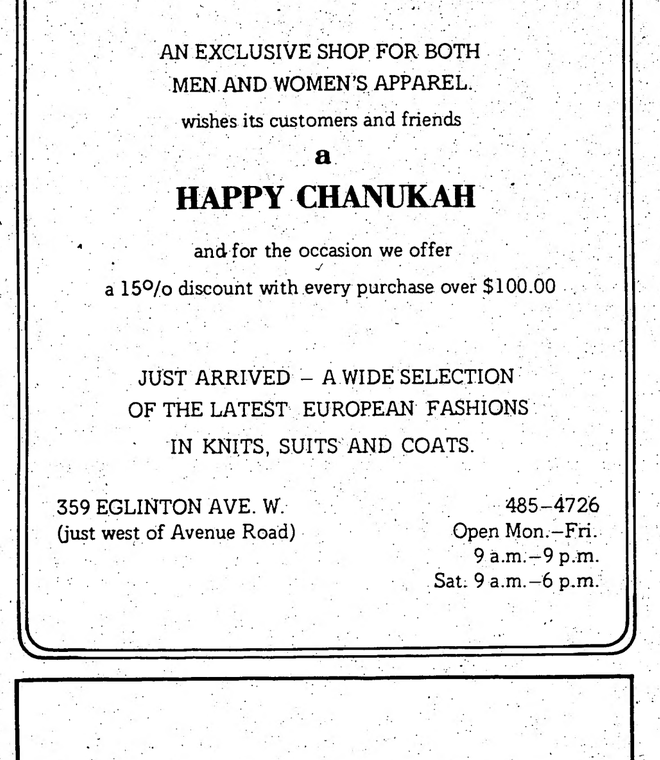
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AROUND THE TOWN
By JANICE ARNOLD

FIRST IRMA POLISUK AWARD

Twenty-year-old **Kandi Abelson** is the recipient of the first **Irma Polisuk** Award for her outstanding leadership as co-chairman of the young women's division of the Combined Jewish Appeal. Mrs. Polisuk, it will be remembered, was the 1975 chairman of the women's division who knowingly gave the last year of her life to the campaign. She was 42 when she died. Kandi is the daughter of Sari and Harry Abelson, two veteran campaign workers and ORT members. A McGill student, Kandi is fluent in Hebrew and a frequent visitor to Israel. The Irma Polisuk Award will be given annually to an exemplary campaign worker under the age of 35.

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WORKERS HONORED

Martin Levine, winner of the Presidential Award, and **Joseph Schmerer**, of the **Michael Hirsch** Trophy, were not the only workers honored at the closing dinner of the Combined Jewish Appeal. **Kermit Kitman** and **Marty Kaplan** took the fashion industry award; **Dr. Marvin Stuttman**, the professional division; **Sam Fagen**, the food division's **Ida Steinberg** Memorial Trophy; **Gerald Charness** and **Joe Schachter**, the trades division; **Henry Plonski**, the **Mark Workman** Trophy; **Paul Romer**, as the outstanding chairman; **Max Finestone**, the **Lionel Stein** Memorial Trophy as outstanding worker in the young people's division; **Zelda Thow** and **Norma Gilmour**, the **Rhoda Leopold** Award; and **Marilyn Blumer**, the **Bess Pascal** Award.

And although he didn't win any prize, **Sam Stipleman** was on hand to act as toastmaster. Sam hasn't missed a campaign in 41 years and 1976 was no different. Sam Stipleman, by the way, will soon be 90.

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FAREWELL TO ARIEL PETER ARAN

Israeli Consul-General **Ariel Peter Aran** is off to the Ivory Coast after completing his three-year mission in Canada. He and his wife, Vera, were honored at a farewell reception sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress and several other organizations recently. His successor will be named any day now.

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CZF MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

National Membership Chairman **Neri Bloomfield** announced that the Canadian Zionist Federation membership drive is being extended until Dec. 31.

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NCJW SERVICE PROGRAM

Edith Teitelbaum of the National Council of Jewish Women has been instrumental in the initiation of a Community Service Certificate Program at Concordia University, along with National President **Dorothy Reitman**. Part of the applied social science program, the new program will investigate strategies to get more for less from community services.

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NEW CJA GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Martin Levine will become a familiar man-about-town in the coming year as general chairman for the 1977 Combined Jewish Appeal. At 43, the Saint John, N.B. native is one of the youngest campaign chairmen. Levine is an executive with the J. Pascal Hardware Co. In addition to his activities with CJA, he is treasurer of the United Israel Appeal, on the board of the Hart Foundation and Ben-Gurion University.

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SENIORS GO TO CAMP

The present 'Y' Country Camp will be renovated this summer to accommodate a total of 600 senior citizens on the same camp site as 280 youngsters. With the sale of the Laurentian Fresh Air Camp, which was administered by the Golden Age Association, there were no camping services available for the elderly. Development of the site will be under the direction of **Joe Friedman** and chairman **Edward Spiegel**.

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HADASSAH-WIZO CHOIR

National Hadassah-WIZO President **Clara Balinsky** announced that a Montreal choir under the musical direction of **Miriam Schauber** and co-conductor **Joseph Milo** will participate as the Canadian Hadassah-WIZO Choir in the Zimryia (World Festival of Choirs) in Israel, June 30-July 18, 1977.

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NEW RABBI APPOINTED

Rabbi Yonah Rosner has been appointed spiritual leader of Beth Hamedrash Hagadol Tifereth Israel Congregation. Born in Hartford, Conn., and raised in Montreal, Rabbi Rosner is the principal of the Anna & Paul Dichter Hebrew Academy and director of the Jewish Educational Program of Montreal. He was granted smicha by Chief Rabbi of Montreal **Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung** last August.

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THE LITTLE SHOEMAKERS

The Yiddish Drama Group of the Saidye Bronfman Centre are currently presenting The Little Shoemakers, adapted from the story by **Isaac Bashevis Singer**. Play runs until Dec. 19.

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JEWISH BOOK MONTH

On Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8:30, a literary evening in honor of Yiddish writer **Sholom Aleichem** will be held at the Jewish Public Library. Jewish Book Month winds up for another year with the closing lecture, "Survival Through Humour" by **Bel Kaufman**, granddaughter of Aleichem and author of **Up the Down Staircase**, also at the Jewish Public Library on Dec. 12.

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J. I. SEGAL FUND

Canadian writers living in Canada and those residing abroad temporarily who write in Yiddish or Hebrew, or English and French on Jewish themes are invited to submit their works published in 1976, or manuscripts to the **J. I. Segal** Fund for Jewish Culture. Prizes of $500 will be awarded for the best contribution to Jewish education and artistic achievement. Submissions must be received at the Jewish Public Library no later than Jan. 31, 1977. Awards will be presented early in the summer of 1977.

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SAUL HAYES TO OPEN SHOWING

Saul Hayes will officiate at the opening of an exhibit of 50 posters dating back to revolutionary Russia on Dec. 13 at the Saidye Bronfman Centre at 8:30 p.m. Also part of the exhibit, which runs until Dec. 30, is Twelve From the Soviet Underground, a documentary photo-panel exhibit of the works of 12 Soviet Jewish artists. The works of recent Soviet Jewish exile **Simon Shegelman** will be up for auction as well until Jan. 14.

Martin Levine (left), incoming general campaign chairman of the Combined Jewish Appeal, receives congratulations from Jack Zittrer, 1975 chairman at the annual CJA awards banquet. Levine won Presidential Award. (Drummond photos)

Jasmen, a Montreal band, perform at high-school fund-raising event sponsored by CJA youth division.

FUND-RAISING DRIVE ALLOWS STUDENTS TO EXPRESS JUDAISM

By EDDIE HILLEL

MONTREAL — "The primary objective of this campaign was not so much to raise money, but to provide an opportunity for Jewish kids to express their Judaism in a concrete form," explained Milly Kaporovsky and Susan Levine, co-chairwomen of the first high school campaign of the Combined Jewish Appeal.

The high school fund-raising campaign culminated last month with a rally, a coffee house evening, and a telephone canvass. The planning of the campaign involved 45 student representatives from various high schools. A massive outreach program contacted 2,000 Jewish youth from across the city.

The idea of forming a Young People's Division was conceived by the late Irma Polisuk, chairman of the 1975 women's division of the Combined Jewish Appeal. In her opinion, such an effort was required to "revitalize the industrious nature of the youth."

Steps to realize Mrs. Polisuk's proposal began last February, when volunteers from the Women's Division initiated weekly discussions on the subject. Subsequent meetings included high school student representatives recruited through word of mouth. At that point, students formed a coordinating committee, and took responsibility for the planning of the campaign.

The students' committee accumulated lists of Jewish high school students, and selected activities that were to be undertaken during the campaign.

"The most important thing was the education. Kids of the same community from all over the city met each other and discovered their common identity," said Mrs. Levine.

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WJC official meets with Scandinavians, Finns

MONTREAL [Staff] — Although they number only about 1,200 in Finland and less than 1,000 in Norway, the Jews of these countries are a courageous people who have built strong, well-organized communal institutions despite the odds against them, says Lavy Becker.

Lavy Becker

Becker is on the Small Communities Committee of the World Jewish Congress which tries to involve communities with less than 3,000 members more actively in the global Jewish scene.

As part of the Small Communities' program, Becker recently met with the Jewish leaders of Denmark, Finland and Norway. Denmark, with a Jewish population of over 10,000, does not qualify as a "small" community, but developments in this nonetheless comparatively tiny community in the past few years have been of interest to WJC, he said.

His nine-day tour took in the cities of Oslo, Copenhagen, Helsinki and Turku, Finland.

"These are courageous Jews, isolated to some degree, and far from the large centres of Jewish life. But they have an intensive format for Jewish life which is more communal than personal. Very few are Orthodox but they have maintained a communal and synagogue life in an Orthodox fashion," Becker said.

In Helsinki, for example, the community centre not only includes all the normal facilities, but an old age home and a day school for 50 children. There is a daily minyan in the synagogue where the president of the community participates.

Most Scandinavian Jewish families have only settled there in the last 100 years from Eastern Europe. Although they have made their homes primarily in the large urban centres, Jewish Scandinavians are scattered, and Norway has the most northerly Jewish community in the world, Tromso, north of the Arctic Circle.

There are also more than 3,000 Polish Jewish Communists now living in Copenhagen, although they are not officially registered as Jews in Denmark's population statistics.

Finnish Jews are able to observe kashruth, but their Norwegian counterparts must rely on imported kosher products. Intermarriage is a serious problem in these countries and the Finnish Jewish community has recently asked WJC to send two Orthodox rabbis to convert several boys born to Jewish mothers and non-Jewish fathers. A Finnish law, repealed five years ago, dictated that citizens be registered through their fathers' lineage, in spite of the fact these boys were raised and educated as Jews, and by traditional Jewish law are Jews.

Another problem is finding rabbis, he explained. By the time a foreign rabbi has learned the language, which may take two or three years, he is ready to move on. The same is true for Jewish teachers.

Finland's proximity to the Soviet Union has put it in a delicate position with Soviet Jews wishing to emigrate there. "As a result, Jews in Finland have not taken an active role in helping Soviet Jewry, though they may know more about what's happening in Leningrad than anyone else," Becker said.

Relations with Israel are good and members of the Israeli diplomatic corps in Finland and Norway are in close contact with the national Jewish organizations. David Rivlin, the consul-general in Oslo, was formerly stationed in Montreal.

Aliyah is popular among young Scandinavian Jews and the continued development of Jewish life in Finland and Norway, as well as the larger communities of Denmark and Sweden, would seem assured, said Becker.

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Abram Stilman —writer, healer to be honored

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Local physician and occasional writer, Abram Stilman, believes age or lack of time are no excuse for not embarking on a second career.

And what better example than himself? Dr. Stilman, who has practised medicine in this city since 1931, is one of the many authors being honored during Jewish Book Month. Adding to the four novels already to his credit, he recently published his first book of short stories.

"I have long days, I get up early and go home late, but if you really want to do something you can find the time," said Dr. Stilman, medical director of the Jewish Hospital of Hope and a surgeon at the Jewish General Hospital.

Dr. Stilman fled his native Russia for Belgium just before the revolution and soon after emigrated to Canada. "I've always loved writing, even in high school I wrote. It's just something you're born with."

But medicine had a stronger attraction for young Stilman, and he graduated from the University of Montreal in 1925. For many years, he was medical columnist for the Jewish Eagle.

It was not until 1959 that Dr. Stilman's real literary talent — story-telling — was given vent with the release of his first book, **Healer of the Flesh.**

This was soon followed by **Mariette**, which became a best seller and was on the McGill University book list. Dr. Stilman became well-known as a writer when **Mariette** was dramatized on radio during the early '60s.

Then came **Doctor in Court**, written in the belief that "we live in a world where honesty is not appreciated and a doctor who is too honest is considered abnormal."

His latest book and his favorite, **Levy**, which appeared in 1973, deals with the generation gap within a Jewish family where Dr. Stilman feels the consequences are quite different from those in other ethnic groups.

"You may disagree with me, but you have to get involved. This is what I strive for, to get the reader so interested he cannot put the book down."

Until his first book of short stories came out a few weeks ago he had never tried his hand at this craft. "I guess I was afraid."

We have not heard the last of Dr. Stilman. Another book is taking shape in his mind. "A writer can't stop writing," he explained.

Dr. Abram Stilman, Jewish Book Month honoree

The 17-year-old twin sons of the late Irma Polisuk, Steve (left) and Barry present Kandi Abelson, 20, with the first ever Irma Polisuk Award. Mrs. Polisuk was 1975 CJA women's campaign leader. Award goes to leading CJA campaign worker under the age of 35.

PAINFUL REAPPRAISAL NEEDED

IN MY VIEW

By CHARLES LAZARUS

For months now, non-negotiators (so designated because no formal negotiations have been authorized) representing the Montreal Jewish community's two central organizations — Allied Jewish Community Services and Canadian Jewish Congress' Eastern Region — have been talking informally about "restructuration."

This is a euphemism for merger, and merger is a polite way of saying that two organizations are talking about re-orienting their terms of reference, with the likely result (as political history has shown) that one empire is expanded to the degree that the other is shrunk.

Everything was going along well until the Parti Quebecois' tide engulfed the "non-negotiators".

The calm deliberations were shelved as everyone tried to beat off the tide but, as King Canute could have told them, it neither washed nor worked.

Okay, so now everyone admits they've learned the bitter lesson of unauthorized political spokesmanship by Jewish leadership.

But the lesson, I'm afraid, that is still to be learned is that a complete and painful reappraisal will have to be made before the non-negotiations between CJC and AJCS are resumed — if they are indeed resumed — with careful attention paid to the competence and experience of each of these two vital bodies.

What should be basic to any future talks, now that Montreal's Jewish community is facing one of the most delicate and sensitive periods in its history, is that Canadian Jewish Congress is the body accepted by Jews and non-Jews, politicians and the general public, as the organization with the contacts, experience and political sophistication to deal with issues of a political and cultural nature.

AJCS through the years has been non-pareil in its competence of organizing a structure accommodating individual and social needs. It could now be advisable to stay away from spokesmanship either for the state of Israel or the Montreal Jewish community, except for matters within its terms of reference.

To quote Daniel Moynihan, the time may well have arrived for a little benign neglect on the whole matter of "restructuration."

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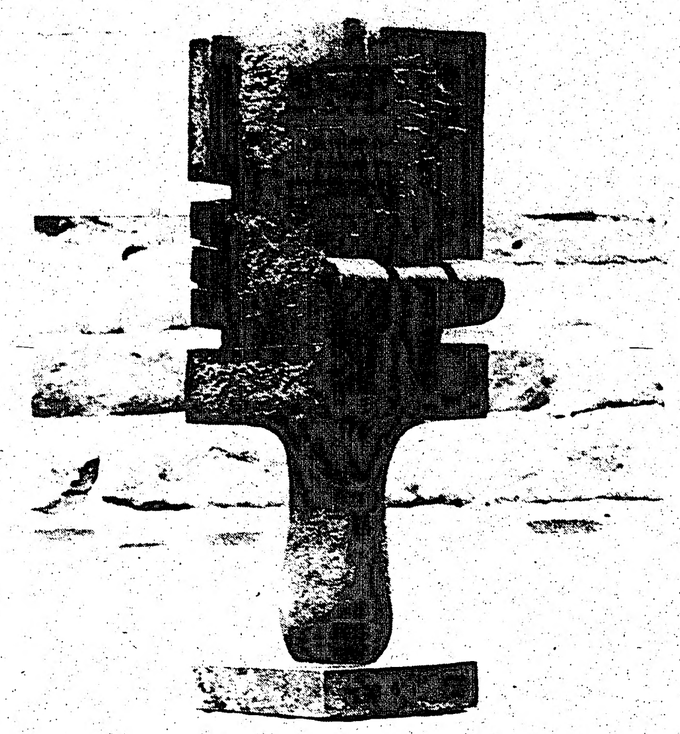

Michael Steiner's bronze work entitled Headoors is on display at Mirvish Gallery.

Steiner's constructions are soft and poetic

art
By JULIANNA BORSA

"Art is an expression of emotion and rationality working like a pendulum," artist Marcel Janco once wrote. That pendulum is swinging in opposite directions in the work of Michael Steiner and Sorel Etrog, two accomplished sculptors, each working in a different visual language.

Now York-born Michael Steiner, at the David Mirvish Gallery, has been working in abstract terms on large geometric steel sculptures, drawn in space along smooth horizontal planes and clear-cut, straight-edged lines.

But his latest constructions are a departure from the strict rationality of his earlier pieces into poetic soft contours and natural curved surfaces he recently discovered.

About 1½ years ago Steiner was invited, along with a prominent group of painters and sculptors, to the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse to work in clay. Its plastic possibilities lead him to experiment with forms that curve and fold, with edges that curl and overlap, and with surfaces that retain the rich textures of hand-handled material.

While maintaining the abstract qualities of the geometric pieces, his moulds reflected the pliancy of the material and expressed it in restless rounded forms and intimate inclusive spaces. Steiner cast his terra cotta models in bronze.

Instead of the calculated objectivity of the geometric constructions, through maintaining their balance and harmony, these recent pieces go back to a sculptural tradition that invites us to handle them and demand a human response.

Approaching the pendulum from the opposite pole is Sorel Etrog, a Romanian artist educated under the influence of Marcel Janco in Israel. He settled in Toronto via New York in 1963, and has become familiar for a number of large public sculptures in the city (Mount Sinai Hospital, Olympia and York Centre, University of Toronto, for examples) and for the film award he designed which bears his name.

Etrog began as a painter, then produced painted relief constructions before beginning to work in three-dimensional sculpture. Generally his shapes imply psychological tensions. But the slender, flowing organic forms have evolved into compact geometry in his current work touring the Marlborough Godard Galleries in Toronto, Montreal and New York, and that tension is expressed in a new motif.

In his work in the '60s, knotted ribbon-like forms intertwined into links. The relationship between interlocking forms was gradually replaced by the screw motif. Now hinges indicate the meeting point.

Visually, the hinges create beautiful areas of detail against the stark geometry of cubes and spheres as in **Antitete** and **Dreamchamber**. But the hinge motif has more than visual implications. It conveys the possibility of movement, of the opening and closing of sections.

Because these joints are actually rigid decorative ornaments, that possibility is only an illusion. Hence the interiors of sculptures like **Headoors** or **Hingeolog** remain an impenetrable mystery.

Less organic and more geometric, less lyrical but more solid, Etrog's recent sculptures seem to find a satisfying balance between emotion and rationality.

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Until he lost prestige at the time of the near-calamitous Yom Kippur War in October, 1973, Moshe Dayan was the most popular figure in the country. His military genius was widely acknowledged, his charisma was almost palpable. The only glimpse I ever had of him was at a hotel in Jerusalem a few years ago; his aides were busily engaged in warding off curious and admiring tourists.

In his detailed and engrossing story as soldier-statesman, the author insists that the intelligence failure in the Yom Kippur War was not his responsibility. As defence minister, he was accountable for decisions on the political, not the military level. Of course, the discerning Israeli public did not accept the distinction, and even the sympathetic reader finds it difficult to do so.

However, one can share his feelings of bitterness and frustration when bereaved widows of soldiers hurl the epithet "murderer". A hurt and bewildered Dayan writes: "It was a dagger in the heart. I knew that never in my life had I ordered a military operation in which I myself was not prepared to take part. But this was my own private truth and I could never, nor would I ever try to explain this."

What surprises the reader about Dayan is his quick and many layered intelligence. His deft analysis of Israel's four wars is professional reporting — with just sufficient detachment to lend proper perspective. He is an amateur archeologist who is irresistibly drawn to the soil and history of the Holy Land. A loner and political maverick, he is open in his sentiments, admittedly ambitious, quick to admit a variety of flaws in his personality and determined to protect his privacy. Some readers will be disappointed that he conveys little information about such matters as his divorce, remarriage and his relationship with his talented children.

Dayan was born on a kibbutz, tilled the land as a boy-farmer, served with the Jewish underground in the struggle for independence, was imprisoned for 15 months in the dread dungeon at Acre, fought side-by-side with the British army in Syria during World War II, where he lost an eye in combat, engaged in extensive political maneuvering, was appointed chief of staff in the Suez campaign and minister of defence during the Six Day and Yom Kippur Wars.

In this readable and wide-ranging autobiography the author describes his two close brushes with death, his "open bridge" policy toward the Arabs, reveals some hitherto unpublished material of military and political significance and shares candid assessments of such diverse personalities as Golda Meir, Henry Kissinger, Ben Gurion, Abba Eban, and King Hussein of Jordan.

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Glory years are gone

Community struggles for identity

By LARRY FROMMER

ROME —

The Jewish Italy is but a shadow of its past.

Once flourishing with centres of rabbinical study and Jewish learning, it was renowned for its printing of Jewish books and possessing an ethnic aristocracy of its own. The Italian Jewish community, now decimated by the extermination camps of World War II and the assimilation of half a century, is a mere 35,000 and struggles desperately to maintain its identity.

The glory years of Italian Jewry are history — a history dating back to 70 CE when, after the destruction of the Jewish state by the Emperor Titus, many Judeans were transferred to Rome. But the artifacts of the Italian Jewish heritage are very much in evidence.

There is vivid memorabilia here of Jewish life under the Roman emperors and their Ostrogoth successors: the primates of the early Christian papal state, the three centuries of banishment to the ghettos and of Italian Jewry's finest hour, the mid 19th century when the ghettos were abolished and Jews were admitted into every avenue of Italian life.

Today the bulk of Italy's Jews are concentrated in Rome, Milan, Venice, Florence and Turin. Rome, with 15,000, is Italy's largest Jewish community. It has three synagogues, the principal one being Tempio Maggiore (Italian Orthodox) located at Lungotevere Cenci 9, overlooking the Tiber River.

It is an imposing, exotic baroque style building housing a 400-year-old Aron, ornate Assyrian-Babylonian style columns, a vast dome and six large menorahs above the bimah. Situated at the entrance to the ghetto, it is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Little remains of the old Roman Jewish ghetto which once billeted thousands of Jews. Today, fewer than 400 of the city's Jewish population occupy its tall houses and narrow alleys. The ghetto edifices are being purchased and restored by wealthy Italians and the area has become one of Rome's residential prizes.

As Bernard Postal and Samuel Abramson indicate in their **Traveler's Guide to the Jewish Landmarks of Europe**, the Jewish presence is evident in Rome. "The catacombs offer mute testimony of a remote past, the museums and churches are full of Jewish relics, the ghetto still carries odors of the past and peddlars in St. Peter's Square, eager to offer rosary and crucifix to the faithful, are Jews, as they have been since time immemorial," the authors point out.

Features of specific Jewish interest in Rome are the Jewish catacombs, the ancient Hebrew writings in the Vatican library; the Sistine frescoes depicting the life of Moses; Michelangelo's statue of Moses in St. Peters; the Jewish Museum in Temple Maggiore; the Mamertine Prison in the Forum where Sinon Ben Fiora, the defender of Jerusalem in 70 CE was imprisoned and the Martyrs Memorial (Civic Cemetery in Verano) memorializing the Roman Jews who were deported to their death by the Germans in World War II.

Rome has three kosher restaurants: Tennenbaums, Via Cavour 266; Dandolo, Via Dandolo 24 and Luciano Camerino at Portico D'Ottavia in the Ghetto.

Venice was the first city in Europe to establish a ghetto and the umbilical cord between Venetian Jews, and the ghetto period has never been completely severed. Though few of the city's Jews actually live in the ancient section, unlike those of Rome and Florence, the Venice ghetto, with five synagogues, remains the hub of Jewish religious and communal activity.

Highlights of Jewish interest include the Giudecca, a large island directly across the lagoon from St. Marks, which was the scene of the first Jewish settlement in Venice; the Doges Palace, which contains paintings of Jewish significance; St. Marks, which has several mosaics depicting biblical scenes; the ancient Jewish cemetery in Lido and the Daniele Manin monument, honoring the Jewish president of the Venetian Republic of 1848.

Kosher meals in Venice may be obtained at the restaurant attached to the Jewish rest home at Ghetto Nuovo (New Ghetto) 2874.

The Florentine Jewish community is a relatively recent one compared to those of Venice and Rome and it was not until the 15th century that Jews began to settle there, largely in response to an invitation by the Seignory for bankers and money lenders. In 1575 the Florentine Jews were segregated into a ghetto where they remained for 300 years. Shortly after their liberation in the mid 19th century, the Great Temple of Florence was built.

The Great Temple (Sephardic Ritual), damaged during the 1966 flood, is a breathtakingly magnificent edifice. It is constructed in exotic Moorish style, is completely covered with frescoes and rich Venetian mosaics and contains many decorative art treasures. Open to visitors from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 to 6:30 p.m., the Great Temple (Via Farini 4) is a MUST in Florence sightseeing.

In addition to the Great Temple, attractions of Jewish interest in Florence include the statue of Moses in the Pitti Palace, a collection of Hebrew manuscripts in the national library; the four statues of David in the national museum, the many paintings of Jewish interest in the Uffizi Gallery and the Laurenzina Library known for its extensive collection of Jewish manuscripts.

A kosher restaurant called "Servi" is located on the first floor of the Via Farini 2A, a few steps from the Great Temple.

Though the Italian government does not subsidize the Jewish synagogues, as it does the country's churches, it requires all Jews to be enrolled in the Jewish community and to pay whatever dues to the synagogue they can afford. Thus, in its own way, the government has guaranteed the Jewish communities of Italy both a financial and communal continuity.

This is the interior of the Great Synagogue of Rome. Larry Frommer recently visited the country of Italy.

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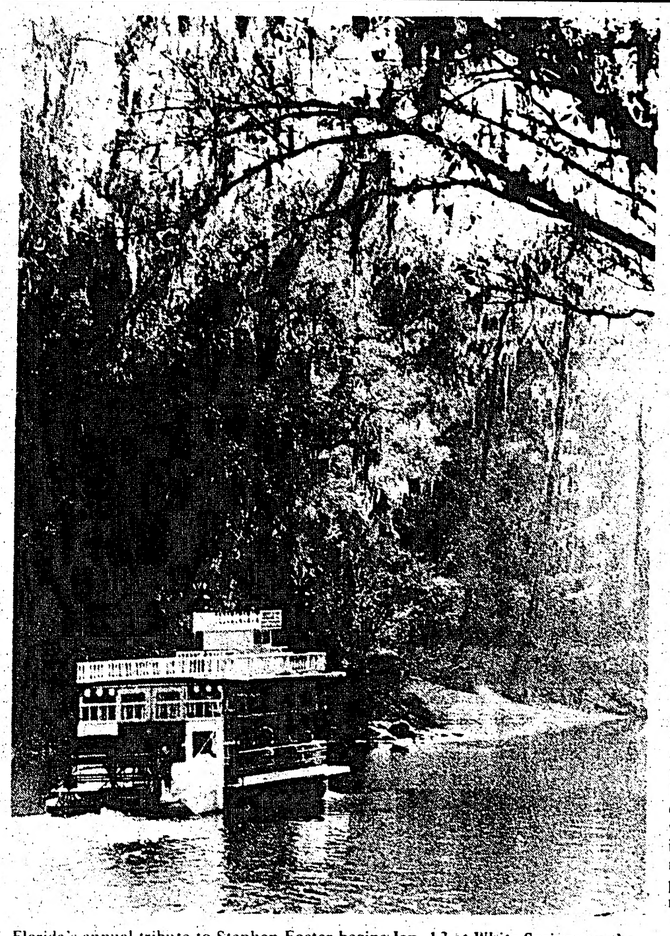

Florida's annual tribute to Stephen Foster begins Jan. 13 at White Springs on the banks of the Suwannee River, made famous by the author who never saw it. Visitors may take rides on this replica of a steamboat at Stephen Foster Memorial.

For football in January, Florida is the place

TALLAHASSEE, FLA. — Florida's January events offer moods as varied as the state itself. Visitors may take nostalgic journeys on a riverboat or steam train during tributes to composer Stephen Foster and railroad magnate Henry Flagler; or cheer for their favorite gridiron team during Florida's two January bowl games; or take part in a variety of other celebrations that reflect the state's heritage and highlights.

The spell of the south, portrayed by Stephen Foster in his immortal song, Suwannee River, lives again in White Springs in North Central Florida, during Stephen Foster Week, Jan. 13-19. Special musical tributes, riverboat rides and other activities are offered at the Stephen Foster Center, situated on the banks of the fabled river. The celebration begins each year on Jan. 13, the day designated by the Florida Legislature as Stephen Foster Day.

Florida's red carpet treatment for football fans continues into January with the 43rd edition of the Orange Bowl Classic New Year's Night. On Jan. 2, Tampa hosts the Ninth Annual Lion's American Bowl all-star collegiate classic at Tampa Stadium.

Florida's Greek heritage is the basis for the colorful Epiphany Day Celebration in Tarpon Springs Jan. 6. The religious observance begins with traditional services in the beautiful Greek Orthodox Church. Then a long procession moves to Spring Bayou for the annual blessing of the waters and tossing of the cross to young Greek divers.

On the same day a similar service is held at Destin, in northwest Florida. This coastal resort also has a large Greek community and annually conducts the service for continued good fortune through the coming year.

Natives say that once you get Florida sand in your shoes, you'll always come back to the state. It's a pleasant thought and one that Fort Pierce, in southeast Florida, demonstrates during its Sandy Shoes Festival, Jan. 21-30.

History toots its own whistle during Flagler's Day in Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 23. The Gold Coast Railroad, operated by the city's historical society salutes Henry M. Flagler by this annual celebration on the Sunday nearest Jan. 22, the day Flagler's train steamed into Key West.

Turn-of-the-century costumes are the attire of the day and rides on a period train are offered.

More of Florida's colorful history comes alive during the annual observance of Old Island Days in Key West, Jan. 29-31. Many of the old Key West homes are open for tours and there is an elaborate sidewalk art show, parade, flower show and conch shell blowing contest.

Numerous other art, craft and flower shows are held in various communities throughout the month: Pompano Beach, Jan. 3-5; Pensacola, Jan. 7-8; Brooksville, Jan. 15-16; Cape Coral, Jan. 16; Coral Gables, Jan. 27-29; and Fort Pierce, Jan. 29-30.

The annual Florida Citrus Queen Pageant in Lakeland, on Jan. 31, closes out the month's festivities.

Western investment sought

Development program

By DANIEL SAVILLE

LOD — Israel's new development program, announced recently by Transport Minister Gad Yaacobi, offers a promising opportunity to invest in the country's expanding transportation systems.

The adoption of a wide range of new projects, designed to modernize, expand, and greatly increase the export potential of Israel's rapidly growing transportation branch, will afford businesses and individuals in Western countries to invest their capital, know-how and initiative in this important development.

The decision by the government to establish an Airport Authority responsible for introducing new passenger services at Israel's international and domestic airports will provide an unusual opportunity for investment in the many and varied enterprises that are part of modern transport.

Israel's present airports, handling about two million passengers a year with an annual anticipated growth of 15% in the coming five years, offer many income-producing ventures.

A new company, headed by Assaf Yaguri, will prepare projects geared for overseas businessmen who are specialists in specific areas of transport-connected services. These include establishment and management of central maintenance and truck terminals, shopping centres, parking lots, catering establishments and so on.

Yaacobi has emphasized that the dynamic growth of Israel's transportation lines, both international and domestic, are producing an annual "export volume" of more than one billion dollars annually in foreign currency income.

He noted that more than two-thirds of the sea lines served by freight ships owned by Israeli companies, cover international routes which do not cover Israel's ports.

In a relatively new field of endeavor, Israeli shipyards are now working round the clock to fill orders totalling tens of millions of dollars from both domestic and overseas purchasers.

The shipyards are now producing vessels ranging from missile carriers to sea-freighters of several thousand tons. Israel's shipbuilding industry is now booming and offers untold opportunities for investors as well as skilled personnel, in all phases of ship construction.

Another significant expansion is being prepared for Israel's long-neglected road transport system.

The first step will be the construction of a railroad to Eilat with a branch line to the Dead Sea. This new line will provide rapid transport services for both goods and passengers from the Mediterranean to the Red Sea.

Remnants found of medieval synagogue

ROUEN, FRANCE — Remnants of a medieval synagogue have been discovered by chance in Rouen, the ancient capital of Normandie which is linked with the martyrdom of Joan of Arc in 1431.

The discovery was made in August of this year in the course of work on the pavement of the monumental Palace of Justice in the heart of the city.

It was only a few days ago however, that the French Department of Antiquities could confirm that the discovered walls and remains unearthed during the works belonged to an ancient synagogue of the 11th or 12th century CE.

Jacques Tanguy, the department chief architect, said the walls were the remnants of the Jewish community of that period which was known by its biblical name of Rodom, an alteration of the Latin word of Rodomus.

The team of researchers on the archeological site included Alice Schulman, a British archeologist, and Rabbi Elie Marciano, the young chief rabbi of Rouen. Rouen has a Jewish population of some 1,000.

According to communal archives, the area of the Palace of Justice was known in medieval times as the Jewish quarter or the Jewish ghetto, of which, however, very little was known and very little remained as vestiges.

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OUTDOOR MAGIC OF FLORIDA

Conservation, tourism contented partners in Sunshine State

TALLAHASSEE — Florida strikes a happy medium between conserving its precious natural resources and offering ample facilities from which visitors may explore the outdoor magic of the Sunshine State.

Florida's Big Cypress National Recreation Area is among several areas in the nation to benefit from the Bicentennial Land Heritage Program, a 10-year program of purchasing and conserving land for expansion and rehabilitation of the nation's parks and refuges.

Some $31 billion has been designated for purchase in the Big Cypress area on Florida's lower west coast near Fort Myers, adjacent to Everglades National Park. Its watershed filters vital water supplies into that portion of the park.

Similar conservation efforts have been made at the state level. The Florida cabinet appropriated almost $900,000 for restoration of portions of Jacksonville Beach badly eroded since 1962.

In another move to protect and improve its environment, the Florida Legislature passed the Kissimmee River Restoration Bill, which will reestablish the river's original meandering path. The Kissimmee was straightened into a wide canal as a water control measure by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the late 1950s.

For the past few years, however, environmentalists have blamed this channeling for the slow deterioration of Lake Okeechobee, claiming the numerous oxbow bends of the original path settled out excess nutrients now funneled into the lake.

Buffalo, which once roamed Florida, are making a comeback at Paynes Prairie State Preserve, just south of Gainesville. A herd of 10 young bison have been placed in a remote portion of the large preserve.

State naturalists say the reintroduction of buffalo into the state is part of a plan to bring back native species that have been removed or exterminated.

Historical research determined the animals were in the state during the early 18th century. Spanish expeditions recounted killing them in the central portion of the state and William Bartram, English naturalist, reported seeing them during his travels in Florida during a later period.

On Florida's west coast, between Tarpon Springs and St. Petersburg, 10 underwater trash heaps are being converted into artificial reefs to enhance the area's already fine fishing.

Pinellas county officials say the reefs will not only increase the fish supply but also offer a convenient place to dispose of bulky refuse. Negotiations are under way to obtain the concrete from the old St. Petersburg-Tampa Gandy Bridge span that has been replaced by a new four-lane facility. A two-year program is under way to improve fishing in Lake Okeechobee, by removing all trash fish and a large portion of sport fish.

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission reports anglers have been taking less than 10% of the harvestable fish population for the past few years. The remaining 90% die of natural causes and contribute to the already over-enriched condition of the 730-square mile lake.

Biologists say the two-year controlled removal period will enable anglers to catch more and larger fish.

Florida's increasingly popular canoe trail system expanded to 35 trails early this year. Started in 1971, when fuel shortages threatened to curtail boating activities in the Sunshine State, the first nine trails were an instant success.

The most recent additions include the Tomoka River, Pellicer Creek and the upper Ochlockonee River trails.

In conjunction with the expansion of Florida's trail system, Canoe Outpost, based in Arcadia, increased its facilities by two new outposts. The firm now offers four points in the state where canoes and complete camping gear may be rented for river trips.

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Throughout the state, new and expanded facilities make it easier for Florida's visitors to enjoy the abundant natural resources.

The Holiday Lodge Resort, on Sarasota's Longboat Key, has added a $15,000 heated pool and a nine-hole putting course.

Boca Travel Park at Boca Raton completed a vast landscaping project to give guests the feeling of "living in the park."

At Daytona Beach, the Holiday Inn Trav-L-Park, formerly Yogi Bear's Jellystone Park Camp Resort, completed a $25,000 refurbishing project that expanded the tent camping space by 50 sites, and enables the facility to handle 175 recreational vehicles.

A 42-acre park under development on Miami Beach will include shaded pavilions, covered picnic areas and bicycle paths.

Facilities for handicapped visitors are being installed in Florida's state parks and recreation areas, to enable the handicapped to participate in outdoor recreation.

Existing facilities are being modified and new parks are designed to include designated parking spaces, ramps, hand rails, wider doors, hard-surfaced trails to accommodate wheel-chairs and modified picnic tables. Parks with swimming facilities or beaches are adding ramps and boardwalks for easier access.

Also new for 1977 state park visitors is the opportunity for non-experienced divers to get a "snorkle-eye" view of the nation's only living coral reef, at John Pennekamp State Park at Key Largo.

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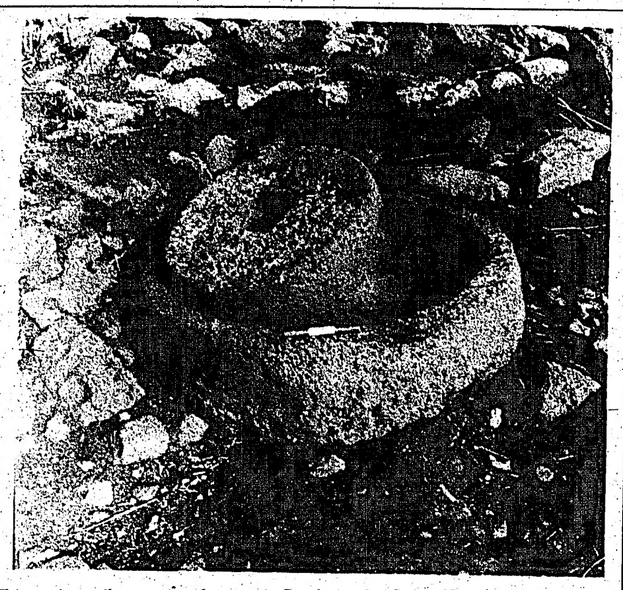

This ancient oil-press was dug up at Gamla in the Golan Heights. (IPPA photo)

'Inactive on boycott'

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Committee, would release its long-awaited report in the next couple of weeks. He said the Commission on Economic Coercion and Discrimination — headed by McGill law professor Irwin Cotler — would probably confirm that the number of companies complying with the boycott "is larger than some government officials have thought."

Gray's evaluation of the current situation was supported by Ed Finn, public relations director of the Canadian Brotherhood of Railway, Transport and General Workers. In a Toronto Star article this week, Finn called Canada's position on the boycott "lamentably weak. It takes a good moral stand of opposing boycotts...but the measures to be taken will have little or no inhibiting effect.

"They fall so far short of a vigorous anti-boycott policy, in fact, that they raise doubt about Ottawa's sincerity."

In his critique of the measures, Gray said Jamieson's statement in the House of Commons raised a multitude of unanswered questions. Declaring the measures have still to come into effect, he said that "in the absence of any information to the contrary, one must conclude that everything remains as it was before...Oct. 21, and the government has been and is continuing to provide the full range of its support and services, to companies engaged in transactions involving compliance with the Arab boycott!"

According to Gray, the unanswered questions are:

Will firms seeking government facilities have to sign certificates or affidavits stating boycott compliance is not involved in a transaction for which support is sought? Will these measures apply to contracts for which support was already being given by Ottawa at the time of the announcement?

What sanction or penalty will the government impose on firms failing to disclose transactions involving boycott compliance? What monitoring will the government carry out to ensure compliance by business with the measures? What system of reporting to the government on the boycott will be required of firms? Exactly what information in government reports will Ottawa make public?

He remarked that unless the exact names of companies and their compliance are published at frequent intervals, the value of the reporting requirement mentioned in Jamieson's statement would be "just about nil."

He said there are no provisions to deal with Canadian banks that might demand an assurance from Canadian firms that they are adhering to the Arab boycott before paying out letters of credit issued by Arab banks.

And Gray noted that if the government intends to take no action against companies which do not require federal aid or support, the measures "will be irrelevant" for the very great number of Canadian companies are subsidiaries of foreign multinationals and therefore have access to the resources of their parent companies.

He recommended enforceable legislation as a means of combating the boycott. "Such legislation would provide Canadian firms with a basis they presently do not have for refusing a request to comply with the Arab boycott.. It would put all firms on the same footing, none would have to worry that resistance to the boycott could put them in a less advantageous position than other Canadian firms without the same scruples."

Clash brewing

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social agencies and feel that JFS should start its own out-reach program, investigate the use of community organization as a means of helping the poor and, most importantly, set up a consumer council at the executive level of AJCS.

"We believe that in order to help the Jewish poor," the Genesis study concludes, "the community at large must see this problem as its number one domestic priority. Over and over again, we were surprised to find that most Jews in Montreal were unaware of the extent of Jewish poverty within its midst.

"We find that although as individuals we support extensively a variety of agencies, we no longer take direct and personal responsibility for our fellow Jews who are less fortunate than ourselves.

"We have observed that most people take the attitude that their financial support is sufficient and the agencies will solve the problems..."

The preliminary results were brought to the attention of JFS, which provides services to Jews in all of Montreal, and a co-operative working relationship developed.

Over the months, the researchers' relationship with the aged and poor also grew and frequent referrals were made to people who were not previously aware or were "too proud" to seek help at JFS.

The Project also began to work with the Golden Age Association Housing Committee and the social service department of the Jewish General Hospital.

With a research grant from McGill, the Project compiled a lengthy study, The Poor Among Us, issued in August, which found, using 1971 census tracts, that in 1970 there were 17,000 Jews below the poverty line and the projected figure for 1976 is at least 20,000, possibly 23,000.

The study was the first to pinpoint where the Jewish poor are located and how they are broken down by age, education, sex, income and so on. A study conducted by AJCS in 1972 identified 18,000 poor Jews in Montreal. However, 1976 Combined Jewish Appeal literature used the 20,000 figure, attributing it to the McGill study.

On Aug. 14, the study was presented to AJCS and an agreement in principle was reached that a joint task force should be formed. This task force continues to meet and has generally been in favor of the Project.

On Sept. 14, with no money left, Project Genesis requested interim funding. The Project believed AJCS assistance would be needed for only a three-year period, and then hopefully it would qualify for government or more university aid. AJCS refused to support Project Genesis financially until the task force had finished its evaluation (Sept. 30).

Two days later, a press conference was held reiterating the agreement in principle. An AJCS representative was present.

Despite a renewed request for funds, the Sept. 30 agreement was not honored, but Project Genesis decided to continue its work.

Project Genesis is currently expanding into organizing non-Jews in Cote des Neiges. "We're seeing two things happening now that we have not seen in the past 10 years in North America: Jews are participating in social action and Jews and non-Jews are working together to help themselves," observed Torcyzner. "This is the first time in the 111-year history of Jewish social agencies that their role is being evaluated."

'Not tapping our potential,' says Senor

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In his time with the Bonds organization, he has been able to involve a much greater number of lay people. He found one major difference between lay people here and in other cities. "In Toronto, I found a high degree of self motivation; it was a matter of letting them do the jobs."

Toronto Bonds ranks third largest in total amount raised in North America, ahead of such cities with larger populations such as Los Angeles and Philadelphia.

Senor praised The Canadian Jewish News which he said makes a significant difference in enabling organizations to reach out to the community. A good community newspaper is a major method of communication, he added.

The biggest controversy during his term occurred when Jerusalem eliminated the $100 Bond. He admitted there was a drop in Bond purchases for the first six months after the announcement, but there is now a record total of nearly 10,000 families buying Bonds in Toronto.

He paid warm tribute to the lay leaders and staff he has worked with here.

George A. Cohon, national campaign chairman of Bonds, and Moe Appel, national executive director, announced Senor's leaving "with great regret for during the four years in which he served as director of the Toronto Israel Bond effort, very impressive gains were made in the scope of the annual campaigns. Under his direction and with the dedicated support of strong leadership representing every area of organized community life, the campaign grew from $5 million in 1971 to a projected $18 million in 1976. His profound understanding of all aspects of Israel's economic status and needs, and his total commitment to the cause of the Jewish homeland's survival and progress has served as an inspirational example to all who worked with him in the campaign, and in the community."

UN setbacks

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International's inspection and how many religions are languishing in your jails and what happened to your last prime minister and what jail is he in now?

"There is one thing about us as democratic nations: we must come to be feared in these forums for the truths we tell."

Provincial Liberal Party leader Stuart Smith introduced Moynihan, saying that the former UN ambassador had long been a hero to him for being "a person who helped swing the pendulum back to common sense...a man who was prepared to criticize the United Nations so as to save the United Nations."

Norine Daniels, chairman of Toronto State of Israel Bonds, opened the meeting and there was also a short address by Bonds National Chairman George A. Cohon.

Also speaking on behalf of State of Israel Bonds at a meeting two days earlier sponsored by B'nai B'rith Viceroy Reading Lodge and the Temple Anshe Sholom Breakfast Club, Sean O'Sullivan, Hamilton-Wentworth M.P., sounded a similar warning to Moynihan when he said that Israel is the vanguard of democracy and the key to the future of democracy and peace in the world.

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Soviets release two Jews

NEW YORK — In an unprecedented move recently, Russian authorities released Boris Chernobilsky and Dr. Iosif Ahs, two Soviet Jewish dissidents who had faced the possibility of up to five years in prison for peaceful protests in Moscow last month.

The move was greeted with amazement by other Soviet Jewish activists who said that they could not remember a previous incident where criminal charges did not ultimately result in conviction and imprisonment. According to sources within the USSR, both activists were freed because the offenses were their first and they have families.

Dayan paper folds

JERUSALEM [JCNS] — Hayom Hazeh, the new Tel Aviv daily edited by Moshe Dayan, the former defence minister, has collapsed. The paper's last edition appeared on Sunday. Its owners said it would soon reappear as a weekly, but this is considered unlikely.

In any event, Dayan will not be directly involved. He said this week that he did not think his own standing with the Israeli public had been hurt by the paper's failure. It had been an independent business venture, financed mainly by American investors.

To MR. JACOB PRASOW
A distinguished member of the Federation of Teachers and Hebrew Schools.

We express our deep sorrow and sympathy on the passing of his beloved mother in California. May he find consolation in his devotion to Jewish education.

– From The Federation of Teachers and Hebrew Schools of Toronto

The family of the late
MARY CIECHANOWSKI
wishes to extend their sincere gratitude to all their friends and relatives for the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy received during their recent bereavement.

The family of the late
Louis (Scotty) Freedman
gratefully acknowledges the kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy received from relatives, dearest friends and neighbors during the recent loss of a dear husband, father, grandfather, son and brother.

In memoriam of our brother
ABRAHAM SILVER
who passed away
November 26, 1975.
He left his sunny warmth of his personality in our hearts. He is sadly missed forever.
—Jochebed Cohen and Helen James

Organizations and People

This is the nursery class at Or Haemet School. They are about to begin their lessons on how to paint.

Sephardic school is geared to serve 700 city families

TORONTO —

Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director of Toronto's Board of Jewish Education, feels the presence of a Sephardic day school here may attract many more Sephardim to the city.

"I'm reasonably confident that some families will come to Toronto as a result of the lure exerted by Or Haemet," he said, referring to the only Sephardic day school in Ontario.

Or Haemet, housed in the Morris Winchefsky Centre, at 585 Cranbrooke Avenue in North York, has an enrolment of 36 students, according to its principal, Rabbi Meir Nissim Ifrah. Its operating budget this year is $65,000. The funds were obtained by door-to-door canvassing, in parlor meetings, through private donations and school fees (about $1,000 a year).

The school, which opened last year, receives no grants from Jewish community organizations because it has less than 100 students. Rabbi Witty explained that an educational institutions can only qualify for aid if its student body exceeds 100. "The rationale is that a school with 100 pupils or more has an unquestioned viability."

Or Haemet provides its students — including a few Ashkenazic Jews — with a regular secular education, as well as instruction in Hebrew grammar, Jewish history, Chumash, religious customs and Sephardic songs and traditions. There are four teachers on staff.

There are three classes — nursery, kindergarten and grade one — in the day school. For older children aged seven to 13, Or Haemet offers evening classes. Reading and writing classes in Hebrew and in Jewish tradition are available for girls between 14-17, says Rabbi Ifrah.

He says Toronto's 700 Sephardic families need Or Haemet as a means of maintaining their culture. "The Jewish family life that was common in Morocco and elsewhere is being threatened to a great extent," he said. "The new generation has little understanding and appreciation of their Torah and Sephardic customs."

For more information, call 782-8770.

Kingston's UIA drive exceeds record total raised at Yom Kippur

KINGSTON —

The Kingston United Israel Appeal campaign this year has exceeded its record total achieved during the Yom Kippur drive, under the men and women's division chairmen, Mortimer and Shirley Abramsky.

The campaigns began in late summer with a canvasser training program for all leadership.

The needs of Israel, methods of fund-raising, card rating and pre-assignment were done at this time with the help of Joan Lipson, chairman, women's division, Ontario, Abe Tooch, special Israeli emissary, and Ben Ocopnick, director of the region. At this time cards were distributed to the leadership present and the campaign commenced.

The activities of the men's division campaign ended with a brunch on Nov. 14 at the home of chairman Mortimer Abramsky, which was addressed by Alex Serota, chairman, Ontario Region, UIA.

Abramsky indicated he, along with his campaign cabinet, would canvass all members of the community not in attendance. The results to date have shown that good planning and canvasser training result in maximum commitment to Israel. Abramsky received an award in the form of a replica of an ancient Hebrew coin for his efforts on behalf of Israel.

On Nov. 17, the women's division under the chairmanship of Mrs. Abramsky was addressed by Dr. David Posen at the home of Ray and Joan Kizell. Dr. Posen was joined by Joan Lipson and Ben Ocopnick.

Dr. Posen's main points were an outline of Israel's human needs. He felt that Canadian Jews' commitment to these needs should be greater now than when there is a crisis in Israel because money given today can help to avert future crises. In response to his appeal the women present, which represented most of the community, increased their giving 30% over their 1975 total. Mrs. Abramsky was presented with a Jerusalem medallion by Mrs. Lipson "for her dedicated and determined leadership."

Shirley Abramsky admires her Jerusalem Medallion presented to her by Joan Lipson, Ontario Region UIA chairman, at recent ceremony in city of Kingston, Ont.

Rabbi lauds B'nei Akiva

TORONTO —

Toronto is in an excellent position to assume the role of North America's leading Jewish community and its commitment is reflected in its strong educational institutions.

That is the opinion of a young educator, Rabbi Zigmund Wolkenstein, who recently assumed the post of executive director of the B'nei Akiva yeshivot. The 31-year-old, Toronto-born rabbi has served diverse communities from Detroit and Baltimore to Ottawa, before returning home — and it's here where he finds Jews still holding fast to tradition.

In part, Canadian Jewry is younger than its American counterpart. First and second generation Canadians have retained "a large part of the European golden tradition and European flavor," he says and the community has oriented its energies toward the future.

One of Rabbi Wolkenstein's objectives here is to interest Canadian Jews in the B'nei Akiva philosophy, now practiced in 20 yeshivot in Israel. The Or Chaim and Ulpanat Orot schools in Toronto are the only institutions in the B'nei Akiva system located in the Diaspora.

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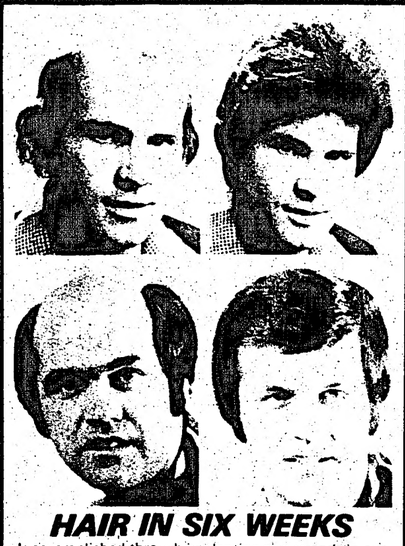
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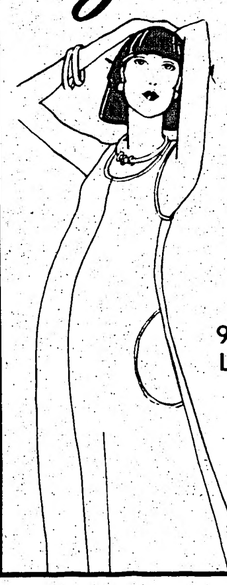
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